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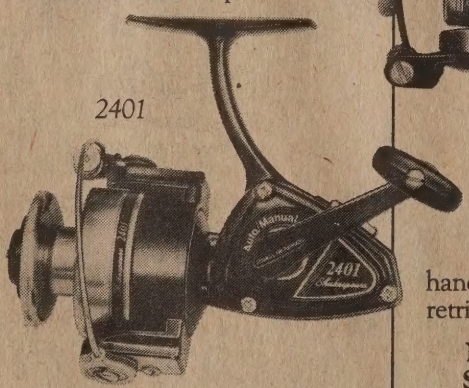

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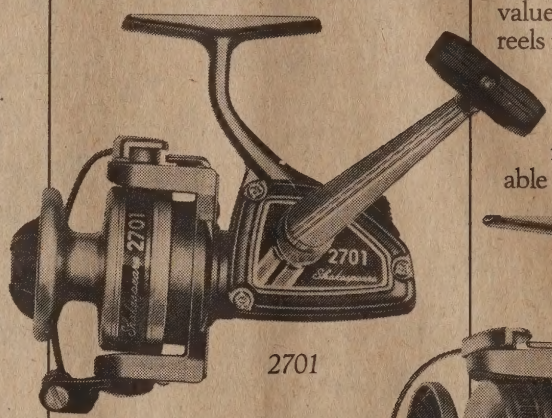

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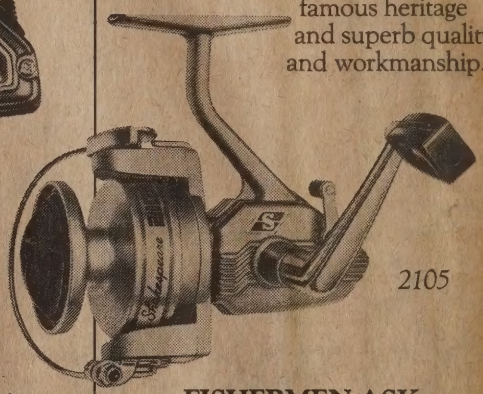

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CHUM LINES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Printed below are only a few of the many letters we have received from readers that have taken the trouble to write John Sheridan of the Long Island State Park Commission to protest his act of granting a permit for a commercial fish trap at North Bar in Montauk, one of the most heavily recreationally fished surfcasting spots on Long Island. If you or your club has not written a letter of protest yet, the address is: **Mr. John Sheridan, Gen. Mgr. L.I. State Park & Recreation Com. P.O. Box 247, Babylon, N.Y. 11702**

For those wishing to make their protests orally, you can reach John Sheridan at (516) 669-1000. For further details refer to the editorial in the July 26th issue. SS

GATEWAY STRIPER CLUB

Dear Mr. Sheridan: We, the officers and members of the Gateway Striper Club, Inc., stand outraged at your recent decision to allow the fish trap adjacent to the North Bar at Montauk State Park to exist. The granting of a permit directly infringes on the rights of our club members who fish that area. We feel the fish trap does interfere with our fishing. The fact that no public hearing was convened to gather evidence or refute any is incredible. We demand such a meeting and in the interim a revocation of the permit pending future decision on the matter.

The Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission quite often and freely asks for public assistance when they are in need of it. In specific, I would mention the beach patrols which aid and assist your understaffed force. Unfortunately, the same commission, it would seem, has an uncanny ability to bite the hand that feeds it! We anxiously await your NEXT request for assistance so that we may underscore your total apathy toward the surf casters of Long Island.

The shortsightedness of this decision will cause aggravation and hardship to a great many state residents. Surely any cost/benefit approach would have dictated an immediate denial of the permit. This lack of foresight is absolutely inexcusable from a branch of government whose *sole interest* should be the welfare of the people it was intended to serve. *Ira Feldman, Secretary.*

UNITED MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN, INC.

Dear Mr. Sheridan: By now I trust you have read the editorial in the July 26 issue of The Long Island Fisherman.

To allow private individuals to appropriate public property for t heir private personal gain is to condone theft. As the public official entrusted with the duty of protecting this property and the public's right of unimpaired use, tolerance of, or officially permitting such action is an abdication of your responsibility. Please realize that if you are incapable of faithfully discharging your role as caretaker of our parks, others will do it for you.

I trust that such steps will not prove necessary as political action would only blemish a fine record—one that until this time I have felt has been a superb administration, sensitive of and providing for the needs of surf fishermen. As a friend, I urge you to rectify this situation and terminate that abomination at North Bar. *William E. Miller, Chairman, United Mobile Sportfishermen, Inc.*

WILL NOT GO TO MONTAUK UNTIL TRAP IS REMOVED

Dear Mr. Sheridan: I wish to inform you that I am completely opposed to the fish trap which is presently standing at the North Bar at Montauk Point.

I request that you hold a hearing so that interested parties may voice their opinions. Enclosed you will also find a copy of a letter which I have sent to Capt. George Worth, Montauk, N.Y. *John T. Murray, Lake Grove, NY.*

Dear Capt. Worth: For the past three years I have chartered your charter boat "Gem" in October along with five of my friends. Prior to that we had chartered various boats for over ten years, including Capt. John Sekora's "Easy Rider."

I am writing this letter to inform you that our group has decided not to charter a boat out of Montauk until the fish trap at the North Bar is removed. We intend to charter out of Moriches Inlet since we are strongly opposed to the recent permit approved by the State Park Commission.

We are also avid surf fishermen and we spend many hours at Montauk in the fall. We fully intend to, wherever possible, avoid spending any money in the Village of Montauk while this fish trap remains in place. *John T. Murray, Lake Grove, N.Y.*

OUT-OF-STATER WON'T COME TO N.Y.

Mr. Sheridan: As a Long Islander for many years, now living in Clearwater, Florida and going back each year to Long Island to visit my brother, who resides in Macloud's Mobile Home Park in Riverhead and going fishing out of the ports of Greenport and Shinnecock Canal and Montauk Point. I am grieved to find that you have favored the commercial interests and allowed them to erect nets on State Park land. This action denies the common man of his privileges. I think I will now stay in Florida and do my fishing each week out of Clearwater Beach. I have spoken to many people from Long Island who feel the same way. *Herman Rosenberg, Clearwater, Fl.*

GETS EMOTIONAL ABOUT FISH TRAP

I congratulate you on your article written in the The Long Island Fisherman "In The Fighting Chair." I have never taken fishing so seriously until I joined The Long Island Fisherman.

As I read your article, I kept getting emotional and angry at the same time; emotional because I would never like to see an end to the fishing sport, and angry because I see no action taking place on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission.

You could bet your last penny that Mr. John Sheridan, general manager will definitely hear from me.

My most greatest respect for you for having so much interest in our fish and wildlife. *M. Batista.*

Dear John Sheridan: I have taken this moment to express my feelings to you.

It is very important that someone be a little bit more concerned about our fish and wildlife, and to put an end to the unjust destruction that is being done to fish and wildlife by setting traps in our waters. We want them out, out, out! I hope this shows you that we are very concerned about those traps. So remove the trap at the North Bar in Montauk Point. *Manuel Batista, Citibank.*

GRANDSON OF FORMER GOV. ALFRED S. SMITH

Dear Mr. Sheridan: I am writing to protest the fish trap at North Bar in Montauk.

It seems ironic that on August 15 you will honor Bob Moses at Jones Beach in celebration of the beach's fifty years in operation.

It was the vision and foresight of people like my grandfather, Alfred E. Smith, Governor of New York and Bob Moses that gave the people of New York the finest parks and recreation areas in the United States—if not the world.

If they had bowed to the commercial pressures back in the 1920s we would not have the fine shore line parks we have today and probably would not even need a Long Island State Park Commission.

Your record to date on behalf of the recreational fishermen, and in particular the surf fishermen, has been admirable. Don't let this one trap or any trap on park property ruin that record. You are, in effect, the keeper of a trust that has been passed on to you from the man you will honor on August 15—Bob Moses. *Bill Smith.*

FARRAGUT STRIPER CLUB

Dear Mr. Sheridan: As president of the Farragut Striper Club I would

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like to compliment you on behalf of the members of my organization on the new enforcement policy instituted at Robert Moses and the West End section of Jones Beach. Although we have witnessed a small number of infractions during the night, such as riding the dunes, the barricades have reduced the number of joy riders in the Democrat Point area.

I have urged my fellow fishermen to note the license number and make of vehicle of any violators and to turn this information into the Administration Office or the Police Station. Possibly with a little more vigilance on our part and the efforts of the Park personnel, we can preserve the beauty of the Park while ensuring a place for legitimate surf fishermen to pursue their sport.

In another matter, we were extremely disappointed to learn that the fish trap located at North Bar in Montauk has been approved. This is one of the finest and most productive locations for surf fishermen and small boatmen on Long Island. Although there are few anglers fishing this area at this time of the year, the next four months is a time when anglers from all over Long Island and as far as New Jersey and Connecticut will converge on this place to seek striped bass, bluefish and weakfish. At times, there are hundreds of anglers fishing this Bar at the same time. The knowledge that the recreation of these fishermen in a State Park, which is for the enjoyment of all citizens, is eliminated so that one person can fish commercially is a travesty on the principle by which this Nation was founded.

We would like you as General Manager to re-evaluate the decision which allows the desires of so many to be discarded so that one person can make a profit. What is especially galling is that this act was undertaken without any opportunity for the sport fishermen to air their feelings. If I, or my organization can be of further assistance on either of these two matters, we would be more than willing to lend our support. *John J. Fritz, President.*

Contests & Tournaments

HUDSON ANGLERS SHARK TOURNAMENT

The Hudson Anglers Annual Shark Tournament, featuring cash prizes and tackle prizes will be held August 11, 1979. (Rain date August 12.) Entry fee is $50. This popular shark tournament should be on your calendar. For further info, call Capt. Joe Long at (516) 623-6656.

CLUB NEWS

HIGH HILL STRIPER CLUB ANNUAL CONTEST STANDINGS

The High Hill Striper Club is a surf fishing club based here on Long Island, besides being hard surf fishermen they are keenly interested in conservation, especially the striped bass. There are a limited number of membership openings available to serious fishermen; anyone interested in membership may contact Jim Kelly at 485-8416 for information.

Annual Contest Standings

Striped Bass: Bob Buss, 16.2
Weakfish: Jim Kelly, 10.12

Womens Division

Striped Bass: Sue Muller, 31.8
Weakfish: Sue Muller, 6.1

Junior Division

Weakfish: Bill Young, Jr., 10.1

Fly Rod

Weakfish: Dave Karikas, 9 lbs.
Most Club Points: Fred Schwab, 436.
Most Release Points: Fred Schwab, 550.

It should be noted that during the most recent contest, held July 7 on the North Shore a total of 48 weakfish were beached by the membership that attended. A good number of these fish were released and Dave Karikas topped the contest with his 10 lb. 10 oz. fish.

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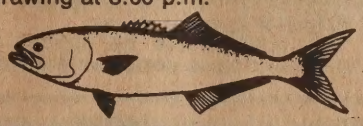

GOVERNOR ABANDONS THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

It has come to my attention that the environmental conservation bill submitted to the Governor by Senators representing Suffolk County, which would secure protection of the Great South Bay, has had to be recalled before its planned veto.

This threatened veto by Governor Carey of a bill that concerns only Long Island the protection of our seashore is an outrage. Here, again, we have another incident of high-level state bureaucracy and politics hampering straightforward legislation necessary in a locality.

Suffolk may be a long distance from Albany, but those in Albany must realize that the Great South Bay is a vital ecological and economic resource in our county. The Suffolk County Commerce Department has estimated the recreational and tourist supported industry of the Bay to be in excess of $300 million annually along with a $100 million clam industry.

The bill in question would make the prohibition of the use of beam and otter trawls a state law rather than a local ordinance to ensure continued protection of this area.

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I find it difficult to understand how the Governor, in his office in Albany, can claim to know the issues, wants and needs of the people of Suffolk better than the legislators who reside here and who have been elected to represent our people. The issue is not simply environmental protection for its own sake. It extends to the protection of recreation, tourism, clamming and fishing industries; in effect, a major source of commerce in Suffolk County.

The commerce of this area is important to the economy of Long Island. It is appalling that the Governor will not lend his support to this bill which would ensure the future of commerce as well as the environment in Suffolk; a bill that passed both Houses of the State Legislature—unanimously. **State Senator Jim Lack.**

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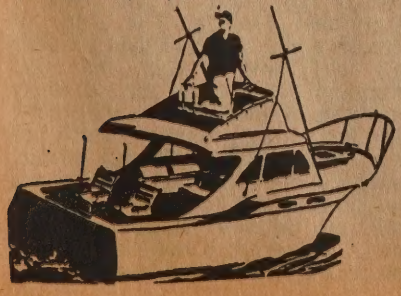

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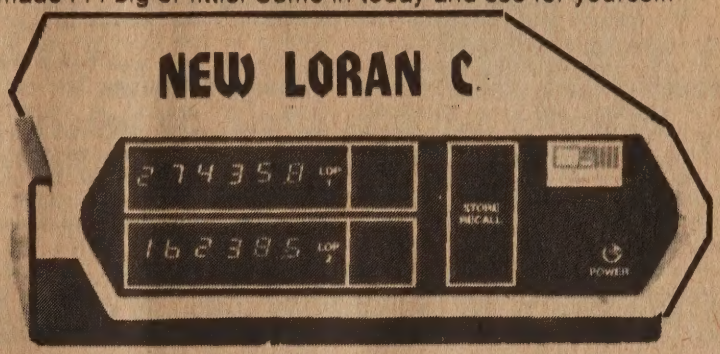

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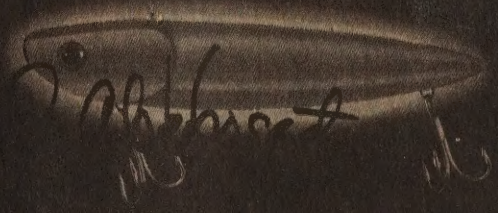

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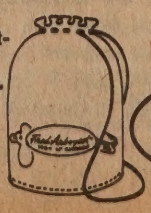

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You Think We Have Troubles?

In this column we frequently talk of the problems with the marine fisheries in our area. However, compared with some other sections of the country, we're in relatively good shape. This fact was brought out forcefully at the recent American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) meeting in Dallas.

While attending the AFTMA meeting, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Joe Fisher, Publisher, and Bill Varcardipone, Associate Editor of "Florida Fishing News." Both Joe and Bill have roots in the northeast. Joe used to run his boat out of Montauk, and I first met Bill while striper fishing on Cape Cod fifteen years ago—at which time he was in the Air Force. "Florida Fishing News" is done in a format similar to that of this publication, but published on a bi-weekly schedule. Already quite successful, it's becoming a rallying point for sportsmen in Florida concerned about over-exploitation of many fisheries.

One of the chief concerns at the present time may also relate to our present situation. Though several swordfish have been caught by night fishing in the Canyons so far, the fishing has been well below the level experienced last year at this same time. The dropoff in swordfishing has been much more noticeable in southeast Florida, where it all started. After a couple of years of outstanding night fishing, this season has provided only a pick. The situation is pretty much the same further up the Coast. According to IGFA President Elwood Harry, anglers in South Carolina aren't even bothering to make the run offshore any longer.

Joe fisher supplied part of the reason for the drop in swordfish abundance. It's difficult to get accurate statistics in this rather clandestine fishery, but Joe has estimated that as many as fifty longliners are working off the Dade-Broward (Miami to Fort Lauderdale) area on a single night. With average longlines of fifteen miles, containing about 7,000 hooks, there are about 350,000 baited hooks being fished in a relatively small area. Due to the high price and relative abundance of swordfish in recent years, there has been a "gold rush"-like movement into the night longline fishery. Just as has been the case with every other fishery that's experienced a similar situation, the end result is inevitable. The swordfish population appears to be declining rapidly and those being caught are of a much lower average size. However, the price is so high that most boats can still make a good profit from relatively few fish—so the rush into a declining fishery continues. It's a "boom and bust" story that's been written many times before in our commercial fisheries—which would not be so bad if a valuable resource wasn't being depleted in the mean-

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is just wrapping up its Billfish Management Plan, and will now concentrate on the swordfish plan. A background study has been completed and the American Swordfish Association (comprising most of the big longliners) has made its records available to the Council. Unfortunately, it will take a year or more before the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee will be able to get a plan together—and by that time, it may be too late to do enough to help the beleagured swordfish.

The swordfish isn't the only species in trouble in Florida. Of even more concern to the average angler is the kingfish (king mackerel—not to be confused with the small surf kingfish found on Long Island) and the reef fishing. There's always been a good deal of commercial pressure on the kingfish, though statistics indicate that the great majority of the catch is taken on rod and reel. Most of the commercial catch has traditionally been made by the numerous handliners that troll with wire and don't interfere with sportsmen, since their gear is compatible. However, large draw-gillnet boats are now working the Florida coasts with the aid of spotter aircraft and making huge catches that virtually eliminate kingfishing in an area for sometime. The Stuart Sailfish Club has documented the decline in catches by the commercial hook and liners after the big gillnetters arrived. For instance, the first use of gillnets off Fort Pierce in February, 1978 resulted in a catch of approximately 2.5 million pounds. The hook and line catch that month (by about 100 commercial boats) dropped to 162,711 pounds—about half the previous year's catch. By March, the catch was down to a mere 9,130 pounds, as compared with 240,114 pounds in 1977! This year, the entire season was a disaster for the hook and line commercials. The January catch was only 56,000 pounds (in comparison to 408,450 pounds in 1976), and when the kings finally arrived in force in February, the big gillnetters were right with them. The big boats took 1.5 million pounds (a million pounds less than the year before), but the hook and liners got only 88,985 pounds—little more than half of the depressed 1978 catch. By March, the hook and line catch was a miniscule 2,968 pounds.

The South Atlantic and Gulf Councils have prepared a coastal pelagic management plan which is attempting to deal with this problem by separating the gear. However, there is some question as to whether the restrictions are strong enough to deal with the basic problem of the pressure on a popular game fish that has only recently begun to bring a very high price to the fishermen.

Even more serious is the extensive use of fish traps on the reefs of southeast Florida. The price of groupers and snappers (and virtually all reef fish) is such that fish trapping has become an extremely lucrative business. Unlike the prolific and fast growing kingfish (which has the capability of recovering quickly after overfishing), reef species are not so abundant and exist in a rather delicate balance. It doesn't take much to overfish a reef (it can even be done with hook and line), and the

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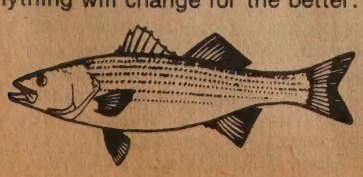
fish traps are particularly deadly since they catch not only the predators sought by anglers, but also the vegetarians that the predators often feed on. According to Bill Varcardipone, a new fish trap boat just returned from the Dry Tortugas (the last relatively virgin reef area in the Continental U.S.) with a catch valued at $29,000 after just a few days work. Before the "Viking Starship" gets back down there this winter there probably won't be very many square feet of that remote area not covered with traps. Not only do the traps decimate fragile reef populations, but they also destroy the coral formations and, when lost, continue to fish and kill until they finally fall apart.

Attempts to control the trap fishery in the Florida legislature this winter failed because sportsmen weren't well organized. It's the same sad story that's been repeated time and again along our coasts, and yet we never seem to learn until the damage has already been done!

Fortunately, on the Gulf Coast, there is at least a ray of hope. Sportsmen are finally getting organized in the Gulf Coast Conservation Association and are starting to create a powerful lobby for protection of the declining spotted sea trout and redfish (channel bass) inshore fishery. They have a powerfuly ally in the person of Senator A.R. Schwartz, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee—and the state fisheries people are also coming around. A recent quote from Bob Kemp, Director of Fisheries, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, tells the story: "There are too many people fishing a depleted resource. There no longer are, or will be again in my opinion, enough trout and redfish to meet the demands of both the commercial finfish industry and the tourist and recreational fishing industry. The solution is simple and logical. We should continue to allocate all the shrimp and the crabs and the oysters to the commercial fishing industry. These resources are a value to this state at more than $145 million annually. The shellfish make up more than 98% of the commercial fishing business. But we should then allocate the trout and redfish to the tourist and recreation industry. It's valued at $300 million annually. And, ladies and gentlemen, there's no other solution."

As Director Kemp noted, "there's no other solution"; but is there an official in New York who's come to the same realization? Until sportsmen organize effectively, as they've done in Texas, it's unlikely that anything will change for the better.



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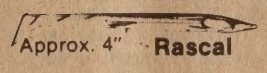

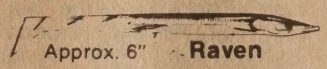

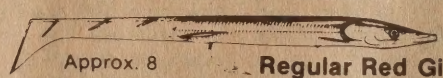

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Fishing Relevant Facts About The Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant

FROM A FISHERMAN'S POINT OF VIEW ONLY! I'd like to make it very clear that our treatment of this topic in this column in no way means that The Long Island Fisherman necessarily supports the construction of nuclear power plants. The emotions on that score are running very high and, at least for the moment, we do not desire to thrust ourselves into the melee and support either side. However, power plants, be they conventional or nuclear, do have an effect upon fishing and, in the event that this plant does become fully operational, we thought it might be helpful to review its general construction design and operation parameters so that fishermen might be better able to evaluate the potential of that area of the Sound as either a "hot" spot or a "dud." The origins of this column go back to last winter when I discussed the plant site. Mr. A. Christopher Cross, Senior Scientist, was kind enough to send to me a volume of information on the plant and the testing done over the last few years. This volume also included information about Long Island Sound that I felt was most relevant and thus I wrote a column several weeks ago devoted to that data. Judging from your initial reactions, I believe many of you found the discussion interesting also.

DESIGN AND INTENTIONS. Those of you who have fished at the Northport Lilco plant are well aware that a rather large plume of hot water pours out of a chute, over a dam, and out into Long Island Sound. That hot water plume dominates the Sound water in the vicinity of the plant—especially in winter. Therefore, certain species of fish become trapped in the hot water as the water temperature of the Sound as a whole drops. If the fish linger for awhile, the temperature of the surrounding water may become so cold that the fish become reluctant to migrate. The most commonly occurring fish has been the striped bass and at least some number of them have been in the plume each and every winter since the plant went into operation. However, there have been, at different times, bluefish, white perch, and jack cravalle in the plume. It is interesting that weakfish have never taken up a winter residence, but perhaps this can be explained by the fact that most weaks have already left the Sound before water temperatures start to fall in October. The effects of the hot water plume has been a hot topic of discussion at different times and among various groups. Environmentalists have argued that the plume upsets the normal migration patterns and changes the distribution of plant and animal life in the vicinity of the plant. We suggested that much preliminary research be done to evaluate the possible effects of a hot water plume on an area before the plant was approved and constructed. Apparently, little such work was done for many power plants in existence, but Mr. Cross provided evidence that at least at Shoreham the scientists had done their homework. Furthermore, even though the question of the degree to which a hot water plume, such as the one at Northport, can effect the ecology of an area has not been completely resolved, the EPA and design engineers in the industry have recently taken the attitude that it is better to be safe than sorry. Thus, design features for dispersal of the hot water are much more elaborate than they are at Northport.

GETTING RID OF THE HOT WATER. At Shoreham, the plant is designed to have four circulating pumps that pull in cool water from the Sound and move it towards the interior of the plant where it is used to condense the steam generated when in operation. The maximum flow is designed to be 600,000 gallons per minute, which compares to about 650,000 gallons per minute at the Northport facility. Of course, there are four units at the Northport plant as compared to the single unit that will operate at Shoreham. Two of the Northport units give out 148,000 gallons per minute, while the remaining two units have a capacity of 173,000 gallons per minute. The estimate of 650,000 gallons per minute at Northport is only valid when all units are on line. However, periodic maintenance, changes in public energy demands, and other factors cause various units to be shut down. The most common situation during the winter months when electricity demands are lower than during the summer finds only two of the units operating. Thus, superficially, it would appear that the constant flow of 600,000 gallons per minute at Shoreham will generate a plume of hot water that should hold great numbers of fish. However, this will not be the case since the hot water will be dispersed over a large area and some distance off the beach.

VERY LITTLE THERMAL EFFECT EXPECTED. The diffuser system will spread the hot water over an area of 6.5 acres which will be called the mixing zone. The size of the mixing zone and the design of the diffuser system is such that the hot water effluent will not elevate the temperature of the Long Island Sound water in the vicinity of the plant by more than 1.5° Fahrenheit. Of course, this increase will be that which occurs at the edge of the 6.5-acre field. Any number of factors were considered when the engineers made the decision to seek a diffuser system. First, one must remember that tidal movement will tend to push some of the hot water back into the mixing field, tidal flow and tidal ranges vary from day to day and week to week; the plant must also disperse about 26,000 gallons per minute of service water (water used for washing, spray, etc.), and the extremes of summer and winter climate. Many measurements were taken in order that the engineers reach an understanding of the best design to accomplish the task. Perhaps many environmentalists will view the diffuser system as an improvement over the plume-type flow seen at Northport since the hot water will likely have only negligible effects on the ecology of the sea. Perhaps this is good. As we stated earlier, we have no desire to enter the argument. However, we know that there will be some beach fishermen and perhaps boat fishermen as well who will greet the news of the diffuser systems as depressing. The fact equates, with almost certainty, that there will be no populations of game fish in residence during the winter. Perhaps the diffuser pipes will attract barnacle and mussel growth so that blackfish and porgies, and even some sea bass, may frequent the area in season. Certainly, porgies have been a common resident in the waters near the plant even before any construction began. The bottom structure should enhance the fishing for these bottom species. Perhaps winter flounder fishing will be good in the area since an increase in invertebrate bottom life should attract them as well. If history repeats itself, we can expect that bunker and mackerel will also be attracted by the bottom structure. Also, because of the diffuser system, don't expect much in the way of a current in the mixing field. Engineers estimate that the velocity of the plume at the surface in the mixing field will only reach a maximum of about one foot per second. Much the same can be predicted about the velocities of the onshore intake system. Here, the intake velocity is expected to fall below one foot per second.

FISH REMOVAL SYTEM. The

intake canal is about 1,600 feet long. At mean low water (water depth about twelve feet in the canal), the canal is seventy-eight feet wide. The canal, its length, width, and depth, is intended to allow the intake of water without generating high velocity currents, thus discouraging the entrapment of fish on the intake system screens. At the end of the canal, there are four intake bays called the screenwell. The water screens are fitted with fish pans which are intended to hold the fish momentarily until a low pressure water stream washes them off the pans. This water flows at the rate of 204 gallons per minute at twenty pounds per square inch pressure, and the engineers believe that this will be sufficient pressure to remove the fish without injuring them. We aren't so sure that small fingerling fish will survive the process. However, since the area isn't known to be an estuarine nursery, it's not likely large numbers of small fish will be feeding in the area. The biggest problem will likely be small bait fish—especially sand eels—which tend to hug the shore line and are not noted for strong swimming abilities. It is doubtful that the intake flow will be able to trap any large fish since they have the ability to swim effectively against such modest currents. Still, one can anticipate that many eggs and larvae will be drawn in and destroyed. There are many species that will be involved, but it would seem likely that those species which deposit floating eggs will be most vulnerable. The low intake flow rate will not likely vacuum in great quantities of eggs and larvae however, and thus the combination of location, rate of flow, and the presence of the fish removal system will minimize that kill of fish. Certainly, we cannot expect conditions anything like those noted for the power plants on the Hudson which, due to a combination of unfortunate circumstances have traditionally been responsible for killing large numbers of young fish and eggs—especially striped bass.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT. Of some concern will be the use of chemicals to control biofouling and to control pH (acidity-alkalinity) and mineralization. Biofouling is controlled with chlorine in the form of sodium hypochlorite (NaOC1). Typically, chlorination will be done once per day when the temperature of the intake water exceeds 40° Fahrenheit and will not be routinely performed when intake water temperatures fall below 40° Fahrenheit. The period of daily chlorination is not designed to exceed two hours. pH and mineralization will be controlled with two chemicals: sodium hydroxide and sulfuric acid. These treatments are expected to be performed once every three days; for each treatment, 190 pounds of sodium hydroxide and 245 pounds of sulfuric acid will be used. It is likely that the discharge of these chemicals through the diffuser system into Long Island Sound will have an impact on the area in the immediate vicinity of the diffuser pipes' sixty-six portals. However, that impact is expected to be slight since the system is designed to dilute these substances by factors of between twelve and twenty-nine times. Ongoing biological studies will be performed to evaluate the environmental effects of hot water, water intake, and chemical disposal. According to regulation, "objectionable or settling deposits, floating debris, oil scum, or substances of objectionable odor, color, taste, or turbidity will not be discharged through the mixing zone. All chemical and radioactive materials...will be diluted by the circulating flow and by the diffuser." Don't be too disturbed by the fact that some radioactive materials will be discharged, since these levels will be very low. You might be surprised that more radioactive wastes are discharged into sewer systems from research labs and other institutions (such as hospitals) routinely, than will be given off from the power plant. This information is not offered in defense of nuclear power plants but as information.

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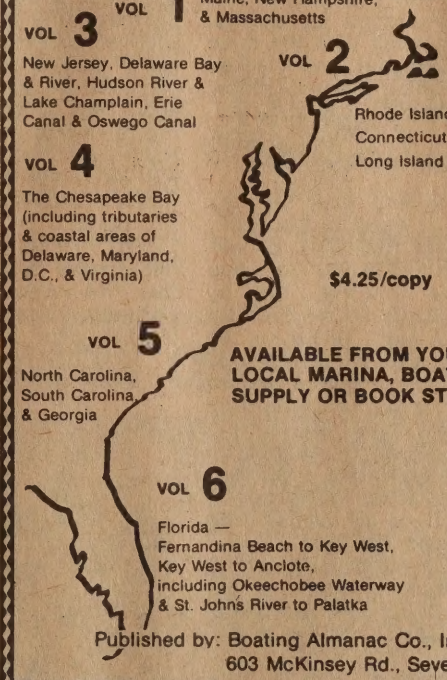
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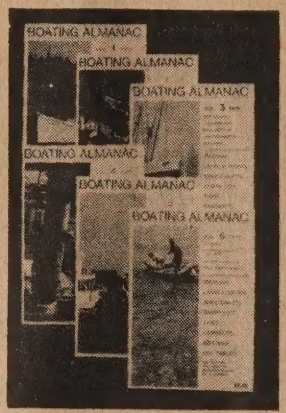

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Surf Side with Andy Regina

SUMMER DOLDRUMS

I woke up to discover a day as hot as any that I could remember, with a stillness within it so complete that the world seemed on the brink of turning itself off. One phrase kept revolving around in my mind like a toy train on a closed track. Summer doldrums, summer doldrums, summer doldrums! Where was I going to fish tonight? It would be hard to avoid the mosquitoes no matter where I tried—so that wouldn't matter too much. Should I fish with lures or bait? Lures were almost out of the question, I said to myself, since a chain of still and hot days had already made the fish sluggish and unwilling to chase a plug. Perhaps a glob of worms would do the trick and stir a lethargic appetite? In the end, I did none of these in preparation for fishing and languished at the backyard pool until the sun sat low in the sky. So, when it came time to go fishing, I threw a rod on the buggy and a plug bag inside and left for "somewhere" about 9PM. I just drove around for awhile, which I mentally kicked myself for, what with the price of gasoline what it is! I went to Democrat and checked out the traffic. A lot of buggies coming back—probably nothing doing. I went west, taking a slow look at Cedar, Gilgo, Tobay, and every other nook that I knew sometimes holds a fish or a fisherman. In each case, the verdict was the same: no fish!

West End was the only remaining area that lay ahead of me before turning north or east, so I couldn't possibly not check it out. The West End Two lot was empty, barren as a desert between two oases. Here and there, a couple cuddled in the darkness, but no fishermen. Dejected, I turned the buggy in the direction of the piers on the back-side. The story would be the same there, but it was cooler riding around in the buggy than sitting in the stifling heat of the house. I figured that I'd perch myself on a pier with a cup of coffee from my thermos and have a smoke.

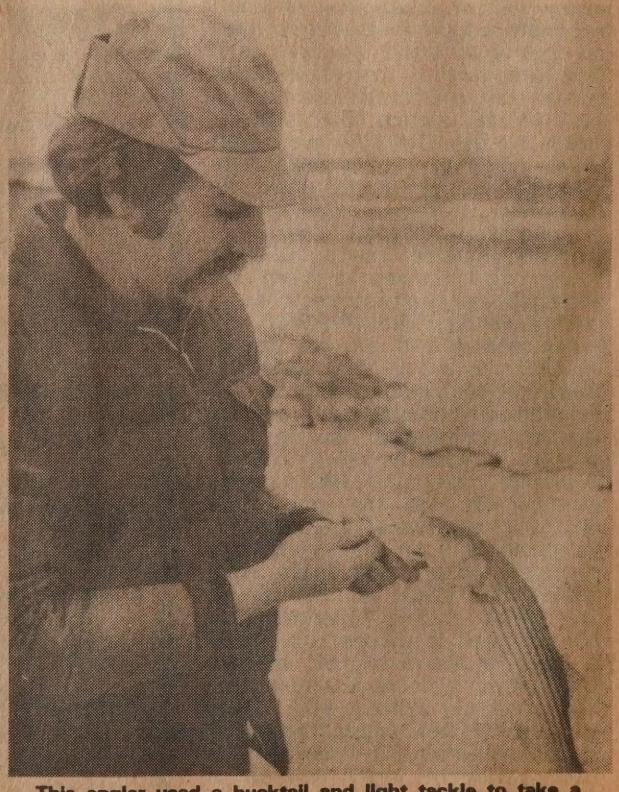
The first sign that something was up—and I do mean up—slapped me square between the eyes as I turned into the lot. The place was filled with buggies and cars and from behind their dark silhouettes rose nine, ten, and eleven foot fishing rods. Could it be? Had I found a few cooperative fish? I checked myself from becoming too melodramatic and hurried to find a spot for the buggy, jumped out, and ran to the piers. Surprisingly, there weren't that many fishermen on the piers, but as I looked to the east and then to the west, I saw the dark shapes of surf fishermen dotting the bank from the Wantagh Bridge to the Meadowbrook Bridge. The mosquitoes were abundant, big as cows, and they had their usual deadly aim!

I shook myself back to reality and began gathering information with my senses. I looked down in the water and it was filled with bait fish, about four to six inches long. It didn't take long to figure out that these little critters were tinker mackerel. The level of activity on the piers was intense. It seemed that everyone was snagging bait. While some dumped their catch into large buckets, other macks fell into empty pails, and some went directly from the snagger to a treble hook and then were lowered away, hopefully to swim into the mouth of some lurking monster. The snagging rigs varied from fancy multi-hooked trees to outsized Hopkins and Kastmasters. The live-lining rigs were less varied: most fishermen stuck a 1/0 treble hook in the mouth of a mack, attached a big float, about two feet above the bait, and then let the tinker mackerel swim away. There was evidence of a little imagination among the anglers. A few bait fish went into the drink without a float and some fishermen used single hooks instead of trebles.

Suddenly, I realized that for all of this crazy behavior on the part of the fishermen, I hadn't seen one game fish landed while I watched. Surely, there must be some game fish mixed in amongst the bait and the fishermen. I walked back to the buggy leisurely and began to get dressed. The tide had just started to move, so if there was to be any action, it might still happen. Take your time, I told myself. Get your gear ready carefully so that if the fish do show up, you won't be caught short! I decided to fish away from the piers and I decided not to live-line the bait. Instead, I pulled out every mackerel colored plug of various sizes that I stored in the buggy and stuffed them into the bag. I did take along a big metal lure and sharpened the hooks, just in case I found that I needed it later on. Oh yes, I also took along a few treble hooks—just in case, you understand!

Replete with waders, rod, bulging bag, etc., I began to walk to the west—for no particular reason. I stopped at an open spot between two clusters of fishermen who were busily casting light plugs out into the night. A big splash sprung up on my left side and one fisherman's reel began to sing out as a fish ran down the beach. It took only a few seconds before I was at a peak of excitement. Here and there I could see the gentle swirl of a rising fish picking off bait coasting down-tide at the surface. Pods of tinker mackerel rushed by from time to time, making a V-shaped wake that widened progressively. I cast to the rear of a passing pod of bait, slightly over-casting so as not to spook the bait. "Reel it slow and steady," I told myself again and again. My concentration was tight and marred only by the relentless mosquitoes, when I became aware of the rhythmic swoosh of heavy line moving back and forth in the wet night air. The fly rodders were out in force! Perfect conditions for them!

Bang! That was a hit, no doubt about it! Of course, I didn't know what had hit my plug or even what it might have been, since I had not seen any of the (by this time several) fish that had been landed both to my right and to my left. Bang! This time I set the hook and the fish went. I was using a light action, eight foot rod



This angler used a bucktail and light tackle to take a small bass at sunrise.

with a medium reel and ten pound test line—no need for the big sticks here in the back where it's calm. My fish moved out smartly and I loved every second. Different strokes for different folks is a popular phrase and all along the bank that philosophy was expressed. Every kind of tackle from pencil thin wands to arm-thick tree trunks were in use, but it didn't seem to bother the fish. If they had a preference for light tackle, they sure didn't show it!

Finally, the mystery fish were no longer a mystery as I slid a nine pound weakfish onto the mud. No, I'm not going to tell you that I went on to catch twenty or thirty more fish—because that isn't the way it happened. I did pick a few fish, but listen, when the fish are in their summer doldrums taking a few nice weakfish on plugs is nothing to sneeze at. Sure, I could have done better with the live mackerel because the fishermen that stuck with the live stuff did much better, but I prefer my fish on plugs if I can get them that way.

You know it all goes to prove that there are cooperative fish around even when things are very, very slow. You have to look! In today's gasoline market that may not always be easy and it helps if you can get a little inside information. There's no telling where the fish may decide to feed, so I guess it boils down to a little luck, a little inside info, and a little reconnaissance. I know that some guys will argue with this next statement because they manage to score with big bass on the outside with bait during the dog days, but I prefer to fish the back—and it doesn't have to be the inlets either. I have found that anywhere that the current moves in the back bays and where bait fish congregate can produce bass, blues, and weaks. Access is a problem in some areas, but it isn't all that difficult.

Remember that the fish are lethargic when the water is hot and a plug should be retrieved very slowly. However, since the water is warm, the fish are in high metabolic gear. Therefore, don't be surprised by the fish which will fight very hard. Even small weakfish will run well and, it seems to me, that the fella with a light touch and light tackle will have the edge on fighting the fish when it's hot.

Bring along some insect repellent, too, because mosquitoes and gnats are out in force during summer nights. We pray for a breeze on the beach during the summer, but we don't always get it. Even a breeze at sunset will often die away after dark and a little bug juice can sometimes save the day—or should I say night!

The chances are good that you'll perspire a lot on hot, still nights and therefore, it's a good idea to bring along something to drink such as ice tea, lemonade, or iced water. Soda, unless it's kept in a tight container, won't work out too well. In a thermos, soda is a disaster! Replenish the water that you lose so that you won't become dehydrated.

I don't think that anyone could or should try to convince you that summer surf fishing is an endless chain of blitzes, although there are blitzes here and there. Nonetheless, it isn't hopeless either. Fish can be picked on night tides with regularity if you work at it. Forget about the daytime fishing: that is virtually hopeless. Besides—it's cooler at night.

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with Matt Ahern

FLUKE FROM SHORE

Fluke—or for that matter, any fish—are like gold: they are where you find them. Books, plus hundreds of articles, have been written about exactly where to find these fish. But sad to say, too many times when the fisherman gets to the current hotspot, he's told his quarry has either vacated the area, or was never there to begin with. Dejected and discouraged, he returns home, or seeks greener pastures—he hopes. Who is to blame for this sad turn of events? The fish? Hardly. The writers of those countless books and articles? Doubtful; and certainly not likely in such periodicals as The Fisherman publications and Salt Water Sportsman. Armchair fishermen who attempt to write must, of necessity, be unusually shrewd to escape the knowledgeable eagle eye scrutiny of the editors who head these publications. Who, then? Why, the fisherman himself, of course. Did I surprise you with that? I certainly hope so, for now you know that reading about current hotspots will avail you naught if you don't know your fish. Okay, you say, that sounds reasonable enough; but what about the time you went for fluke from a jetty you read about and this fellow you met out there said not to waste your time—there were no fish. Did you take him seriously without first sampling the fishing yourself? Were you immediately discouraged? You were? Shame on you. If you took this fellow's word as gospel truth you have no one to blame for your disappointment but yourself.

Maybe that guy couldn't catch fish in a barrel. Maybe he didn't want you horning in on his fishing. Maybe the guy was telling the truth. Maybe anything. But you'll never know for sure unless your fishing ability is steeped in self-confidence of your own making.

You say this would never happen to you? You wouldn't make a trip out to a hotspot without trying the fishing no matter how gloomy the prospects of success. Good—and I'm all for you; but at the same time I must say this article isn't for you.

This one is written expressly for the fellow who wants to catch a few fluke from shore and wants to know just how to go about attaining that necessary self-confidence. So that the next time he journeys to an unfamiliar place, he will know through his own efforts whether or not those fish are there. So that it won't be necessary for him to rely on second-hand gloomy information which may indeed be offered without prior knowledge of existing conditions. As an old-timer once told me: "You always know things best when you find them out for yourself."

Let's look at the necessary tackle for a minute.

Depending upon where you intend to fish, light to medium-weight spinning tackle can be used effectively. If you expect to fish around inlet areas, currents will probably make medium-weight tackle mandatory. (At this time of year, beginning about the middle of this month, you'll find inlet areas will provide your best chances of scoring.)

But if you plan to fish the back bay area, there will be no difficulty getting by with the light stuff. Fill a matching reel with ten pound test good quality mono. I wouldn't go lighter than than when fluke fishing these areas. Large fluke are caught in the most unlikely spots and just because the water is quiet doesn't mean a thing when big fluke take it into their heads to ferret out the bait supply in these places.

For medium-weight tackle when used in stronger currents, fifteen or twenty pound test is better. Not that you can expect doormats every time when fishing these areas (although the chances are always good), but stronger currents in such places do dislodge sea weed at times and if so, you can expect this to drape around your line—most likely, it seems, when bringing in a fluke. This added strain can be counted on to pop a lighter line.

Whatever reel you use should be of top quality. Shun those so-called "bargains" as you would the plague. These are put on the market, not by fishermen, but by fishers of men. Needless to say, you will never see junk tackle used by serious fishermen. They have learned the folly of doing so and most likely they have learned it the hard way. A word to the wise is sufficient. Save yourself a heartache. And don't forget, because of the nature of fluke, you will be doing much casting and jigging. A shoddy reel absolutely will not stand the gaff.

Rigging for fluke is no problem. A leader is as necessary as bait. Not because fluke are shy, but because the leader imparts the required action needed to attract fluke to the bait. You'll find leaders come in various lengths, usually eighteen inches to two feet, complete with snelled hook. The two-footer is best, and if you can latch on to a three-footer, use it. If you cannot find one this length, it is possible to make one up yourself.

Avoid using mono from your reel as leader material. Mono is too soft and limp to properly do the job. Don't be tempted. Use leader material and keep your sanity.

A carlisle hook (commonly called the "fluke hook") is used by most fishermen. Either a size 3/0 or 4/0 will do the job. These will hold any outsized fluke you catch. These are long-shanked and you'll be thankful for this feature when you attempt to remove one and notice those wicked jaws armed with strong, needle-like teeth. Many fishermen use a hook disgorger for safety's sake. But whatever you do, keep your fingers outside.

Sinker weight is governed by the strength of existing currents at the place being fished. A two ounce bank sinker will do nicely in sheltered areas, but I wouldn't hesitate to go to four or more, around inlets. Your bait must be on bottom and you must make certain of this, but don't overdo on sinker weight. You'll only cut down on the fish's ability to fight.

Whether you decide to use hardware is up to you. A three-way swivel can be used, if desired. When tied in about three inches above the sinker, it will prevent leader twist in strong currents. But don't despair if you haven't one on hand. Simply form a two inch, double-overhand knotted loop about two inches above the sinker and place your leader there. Another method is to use a sinker snap and place both sinker and leader together.

Fluke are predators. Therefore, using such baits as clam, mussel, and worm will not get you much action. I can count on one hand the amount of fluke I've caught with these baits—and I've been chasing fluke for over fifty years! Again, a word to the wise is sufficient.

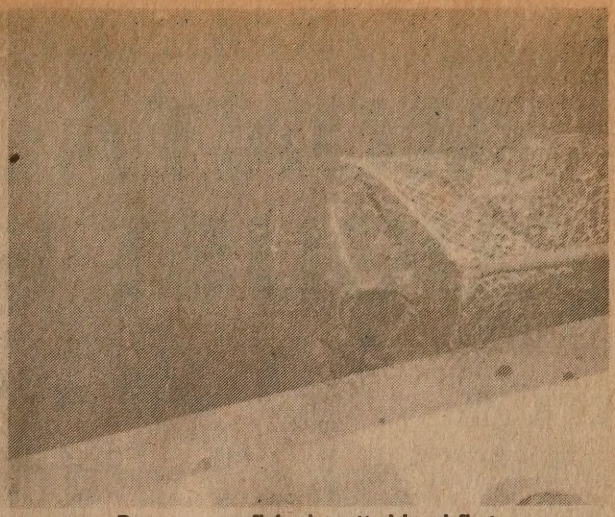
Probably the best fluke bait for inland areas is a live, two inch killie. If you use these, run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover. When done with care so as not to nick the fish's gills (which are its lungs) , it will stay alive a good, long time. Hooking the killie through both lips looks more natural, but unless done with care, it is apt to snap off when casting. Avoid placing the hook through the back. Not only does it appear unnatural to the fluke, but it is certain to snarl your line when pulled along the bottom.

Around ocean inlets, sand eels are a favorite bait of both fish and fishermen. And don't overlook the fish-catching ability of small snappers (live or dead) which shouldn't be a bit difficult to obtain now. Check with the neighborhood kids for these. Or catch a couple dozen yourself before you go out.

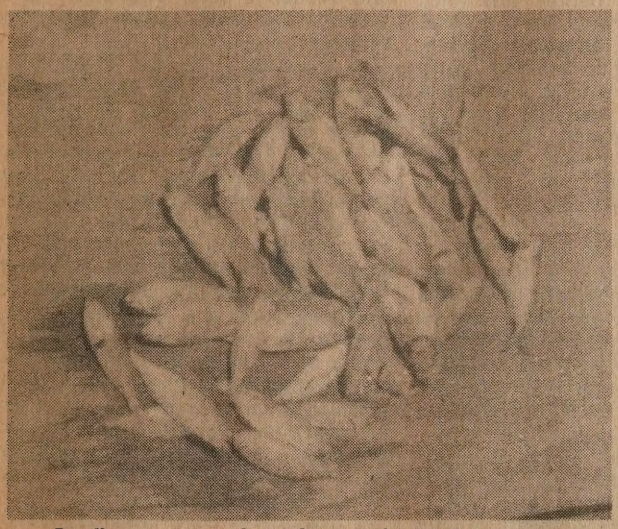
Spearing is good and is best used when fresh; but unless you net these yourself, you'll have to settle for the frozen stuff. For my part, I rarely use spearing because it is simply a nuisance on the hook when thawed. And if the package has been in a commercial freezer for sometime, it will be too soft and mushy when thawed for good fishing.

Whatever whole fish you use—sand eel, spearing, snappers, etc., except live killies, live bergalls and other

Average shore caught fluke from the west jetty at Shinnecock Inlet.



Be sure your fluke is netted head first.



Small snappers such as these make ideal fluke bait.

Sea robin bait is tought to beat. Its preparation is easy.

Next to live killies, my favorite fluke bait is sea robin. When prepared correctly, it is tough—yet supple—and is most appealing to fluke. To catch a half-dozen fluke on one bait before it needs to be replaced is not unusual.

To prepare sea robin takes but seconds. Don't scale. Hold the robin down by the head (preferably with a rag or glove), and make a cut at the vent to the backbone. Slice along this to the tail and lift the strip off. Reverse fish and repeat on opposite side. Cut each piece in half, lengthwise. You will have two dark and two light pieces. Use the light pieces over known mud bottom and the dark slices over sand. Run the hook through the widest part—once only—and jig it over the bottom. Works wonders.

Squid also makes good bait, but it is apt to become dirty when fished over mud bottom. When it is in this condition, fluke will not accept it. So check that squid-bait frequently. It, too, is simple to prepare. Wash in saltwater and remove the thin skin. Cut into pennant-shaped slices about three or four inches long and, as with sea robin, run the hook through only once at the widest part. I have never been infatuated with squid as a fluke bait, but I know it works well. This personal rejection is just another of my fishing idiosyncrasies, I'm sure. So don't let me keep you from using it; you'll catch fluke with it.

The most important part of fluke fishing, whether from shore or a boat, is to impart plenty of action to the bait. Cast out as far as possible and when the rig hits bottom, begin to retrieve with short lifts of the rod tip, reeling in the slack as you go along. Should you feel sudden weight, cease jigging and let the fish take the next step. It may take off immediately, hooking itself, or it may lie quietly, as if savoring the quality of the bait. Lift the rod tip cautiously and if weight is still felt, sink the hook with a follow-through.

And be careful using your net. Always lead the fish into it head first. To touch its tail means a lost fish most times. Don't take chances; do it right!

These are the methods I use to catch fluke from shore. If you use them and still come up disappointed, you'll at least have the satisfaction of knowing you've done your best—and you can then safely blame it on the fish.

So next time you journey to an unfamiliar spot, don't take anybody's word about poor fishing. Try it first yourself—always. Don't be surprised if you are successful. Be surprised if you're not.

live bait—should appear as natural as possible to the fish. The best way to do this is to run the hook through the head and then back in the body at mid-point. Be careful and take pains to get it right. Bunched bait causes twisted leaders and, of course, few fish. It is important to allow the fish time to munch a bit before attempting to set the hook when using such baits. Most fluke fail to hook up because the fisherman strikes too soon. When your fluke has the bait down, it will let you know in no uncertain terms. Most times you won't mistake this for anything but what it is—a good, solid hit.

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MONTAUK'S 1978 AUGUST FULL MOON

by Don Millus

"Strike anything you feel!" It was ten-thirty on a Saturday night in August out on the water between Montauk Point and Block Island. Scott Simons had just been asked about how the bass were hitting the live eels fished a few feet off the bottom near Great Eastern Rock. Do they tap it, do they grab it and run; could you tell the difference between the six ounce sinker bouncing on a rock and a rockfish bouncing on the ten to twelve inch eels we were using? After driving eight hundred miles for an evening of striped bass fishing, I wanted more than a scenic tour.

Perhaps the use of the term "rockfish" gives my current origins away. I'm stuck, happily, on the South Carolina Coast and most of our stripers here are in the Low Country rivers, never in the surf or inlets unless the freshwater content increases with a heavy rain or an outgoing tide. And they're rockfish, unless you go up to the Santee Cooper lakes—Marion and Moultrie, for land-locked stripers. South of Cape Hatteras, the striper is not a saltwater fish most of the time.

This is hard to take for someone whose greatest moment as a teenager in the Fifties was landing a two pound striper on an old Airex spinning reel, six pound test line, and a rod field-tested in the A&S fishing contest in Prospect Park—this great moment in angling being accomplished with a little silver bass spoon in the surf near the Saltaire, Fire Island water tower. That was in the days before people who had never fished before took forty and fifty pound stripers on their first trips by dropping a live bunker in the right place. That was when the only way you got to Democrat Point to fish for the stripers and blues was to know somebody who had a four-wheel drive vehicle or a boat that could be pulled up on the sand while you hoped for a striper or two to be mixed in the catch of three and four pound bluefish.

But I had taken some time off from South Carolina's summer fishing—kingfish, flounder, king mackerel, small blues—and since my wife and kids had abandoned me in favor of a visit with the Polish community in Tonawanda, N.Y., I decided to finally get to fish with some of the Long Island fishermen. I suspect that the staff drew straws and Scott Simons lost. Anyway, I was to meet him at Henry Colombi's Star Island Yacht Club late on a Saturday afternoon in August.

It had been over ten years since my last drive that far east on Long Island, and the amazing thing about it was that despite the new highway, so much of it is unchanged. Sure, the towns were more built up, and there were ten times as many boats (or so it seemed), but the miles of farm fields were still there and the beach where I sat and had my picnic lunch and a cold beer seemed just as pretty as ever. But the boats...they seemed to line the harbor. A lot of lines, baits, lures, and hooks would be hanging from them. That there were still fish to catch, between the work of the commercial anglers and the sport of the semi-professionals, seemed a tribute to Nature's capacity to keep things going.

I finally met Scott and his friend, Frank Michelson just after it got dark, but they didn't seem to be in any hurry. "Fish hit last night around ten-thirty, so we have plenty of time," Scott informed me. There was some moonlight for our ride out of the harbor, and there were a few boats out in front of us, but no great crowd. Perhaps we were even early.

Long, fairly light custom made rods by John DeMaio, Penn Jigmaster reels with thirty pound test mono, and rigs that seemed more suited for porgies, except for the length of the leaders and single hooks, were the order of the evening. About four or five feet up from the bank-type sinker, a long leader with a single hook of about 6/0 was attached. We would drift and the bank sinker would bounce over the rocks with the eel swimming within range of what we hoped were hungry stripers.

I always enjoy fishing with people who know a lot more about a particular kind of fishing than I do. It's not just that I have someone else to blame if the fish don't bite; I find it's a pleasure to learn something from somebody who knows what he's doing. Unfortunately, there are too many people today who don't

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know what they're doing and you can't make that assumption. But here I was fishing with one of the Long Island fishermen, it was a calm, mild night, and I still had a Sunday fluke trip with Captain Paul Forsberg on the "Viking Star" in store to get me a little more sunshine out of this summer weekend at Montauk. My confidence in Simons was not unrewarded. The only trouble was he seemed to have made a wrong turn. Ahead of us was not the solitude of the moonlit waters off Montauk Point, but the lights of the Long Island Expressway. The only strange thing was that traffic was moving so slowly... ...almost drifting. The fact was that there must have been a hundred boats out there either making the drift over Great Eastern or running up against the tide to get in line for another drift.

"You should have seen it last night," was Scott's only comment. We moved to the head of the line and let down our live eels. I kept his advice in mind, discounting only what I felt sure were some bumps on the bottom and waited for my first big striper since I had left the New York area five years ago. No luck on the first drift. "It's still early," the skipper says encouragingly. "We may stay out here all night." Great. No place else to go. I can always nap on Forsberg's boat on Sunday.

A few more boats join the procession. Somehow Scott manages to get us just right this time and get his line and live eel in the water just after mine and Frank's. This time there's more than bottom tapping on the little eel. I strike and the rod bends along its seven-foot-plus length. Frank makes a remark about the bottom, but the rod tip is bouncing too much for me to respond. "Hit him again," Simons urges. I always pay attention to a guy who's just put me into a big striper. Of course, the striper isn't too pleased as I drive the hook in further, and she takes off just in time to intersect the path of another boat which is running up-tide for another drift. Scott yells him off and I start pumping. Frank has a strike, but misses him.

Scott by now has his rod in one hand and his gaff in the other. I finally bring the striper alongside while Scott reaches for the bass. Actually, it seemed that he was trying to fillet it while it was still on the hook, but I forgive him when he sinks the gaff and lifts a forty-two pound rockfish—I mean striper—on board. Apparently the fish have started early tonight.

We're just getting warmed up, for Frank hooks into one on the next drift, almost as big as our first one. Scott is too busy gaffing and navigating to do anything but feed the bass eels. And I still can't get over the armada of lights running back and forth; but when something

Scott Simons with one of many forty pound plus striped bass taken on a live eel during the August '78 full moon.

hits my live eel on the next drift, I'm disappointed to find that it's not trying to pull me overboard. A four pound blue would have been welcome on many of my Great South Bay fishing trips years ago, but here it's just a change of pace. The tide is slowing down.

The fishing has slowed, too. Four drifts in a row produce not even a strike, and some of the light traffic heads back towards the harbor. Frank stretches out on a bunk with word to call him if anything starts. It's just after midnight, but I'm beginning to wish that I could grab a nap, too. But I've waited ten years to fish with the Long Island fisherman and I've got to learn his secrets. Scott teaches me one right away: knowing when to quit. "We got here just at the end of it," he announces and stows the rods. Now he tells me. I was ready to fish at six in the evening, and we didn't pull out of the harbor until 9:30. But maybe he was just being polite to his guest from South Carolina. He knew the strain of taking big stripers for three hours in a row might be too much. Besides, this way he could let me win the pool!

The yacht basin was quiet. I set the alarm clock for seven and lie down in the back of my station wagon. Try for fluke on Sunday morning and drive homeward with thoughts of an Expressway striper. I wonder how big that two pounder I took at Fire Island would have grown if I had tossed it back? Nope, that's too much to ask for a first striper. Maybe one of these years one of these Long Islanders will put me into a fifty pound rockfish...I mean striper.

RARITAN BAY FLUKE HOTSPOTS

by Richard Giessuebel

In an earlier article about Staten Island, we pretty much discussed the possibilities of fluke fishing along the beach. Now, I'd like to get into where one might find the fluke offshore and explain how one might best go about putting him into the boat. Fishing locations will be of paramount interest, along with proper bait selection and techniques. We'll also get into the most important proper hooking sequence, again, that one should use for maximum effectiveness and we'll discuss the situations where baits should best be fished either plain or in combination with a spinner.

In previous years, the first fluke hotspot in the Raritan Bay has been at the tip of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, by the Bug Light. From this point to the Coast Guard Station Pier, fluke normally line the bottom and are caught from mid-May on. This location normally holds up well throughout the entire year and can be fished on any given day; however, the only way to get to this spot and to fish it is from aboard a boat. If you don't possess such means, then you'll either have to go with someone who does, rent a boat, or get aboard a party boat which just might be heading out for this particular area. In any case, it's just a matter of heading due south from either Sheepshead Bay or the Verrazano Bridge until you arrive at the thin strip of land curving north out into the Raritan Bay. Once there, you will find that Sandy Hook Channel, which passes just off the tip, is very dangerous and should be avoided; that is, the current here is quite capable of capsizing a small boat and since it's a major shipping channel anyway, fishing in it is restricted. This is of little concern since the fishing we're looking for takes place inside this channel and right alongside of the bay side of the hook. Drifts on an outgoing tide will take you right on up to the channel, while drifts on an incoming tide should bring you past the Coast Guard Pier.

Occasionally, the current in the area isn't so bad and you might venture out onto the edge of the channel. If you can hold in this area, many good catches are made here. The equipment you require should not be too heavy, since the average depth here is in the vicinity of only ten feet. Also, since you'll be fishing inside the tip you will, in essence, be avoiding a lot of current.

Early in the year, you'll find that there's an awful lot of boat traffic working in this area, but there's usually enough room to accommodate everyone. Fish are very cooperative here, too, and it's very seldom you ever hear of anyone getting skunked. Another location which isn't too far from here is found at the confluence of the Sandy Hook and Chapel Hill Channels which meet directly in front of the Leonardo Ammunitions Piers. This junction is on a 240° course from Bug Light and it, too, holds up well throughout the entire season. In fact, this is one of the last places where fish will be caught while on their way out of the bay. So, if you're ever in a quandary about where to fish when you're going out into the Raritan Bay, then by all means, head right for Bug Light or the Ammunitions Piers.

Another excellent fluke domain in Raritan Bay is an area called Romer Shoals (often spelled Roamer). With an outboard and two cans of gas, you should be able to reach and drift here all day. Undoubtedly, you can reach the Shoals with a single can of gas, but the extremely swift currents in the area would soon deplete that supply, leaving you high and dry. So, in order to maintain a drift in the area of maximum productivity, you'll have to carry the extra supply with you. Besides the very strong current, this spot is characterized by water in the twenty foot category, with a nice, smooth sandy bottom. This makes fluking very enjoyable and to add to the pleasure, this area is also the home of the blue, the weak, and the striped bass. It's not unusual to return to the dock with several of the species just mentioned and a whole lot of fluke. Often while fishing in this area, I'll use a second hook which I attach to a dropper some three feet above the bottom rig. Using a size #2 hook, I run a line about three feet off the dropper and bait up with either a strip of squid, a small snapper, or a length of worm. Then, it's fluking as usual.

The author lifts a nice one into the boat fishing in the Chapel Hill Channel.

This second hook is my bonus hook and more often than not, it comes through.

Something else I'd like to discuss here is the use of a fluke spinner. Most people aren't aware that these spinners produce differently at different times. First of all, they won't produce if you don't have a drift. Therefore, be prepared to also not fish with them. A lot of people just bring along a spinner rig and never consider anything else. This is a mistake. Secondly, others won't fish the spinners in a very strong current. This is also wrong because, over the years we've found that the spinners work the best in a very strong current. However, in order to use them in a swift current, you have to (again) be prepared. This time, you must have a stiffer pole and a very heavy weight. The spinner itself will slow down the bait under the water and will also entice the fluke to hit.

Another thing to consider is the clarity of the water. In clear water, the spinner isn't as necessary as in slightly discolored water. So, keeping these points in mind, you would find the pro using spinners during periods of maximum current with slightly dirty waters; while at most other times, he'd probably be fishing with just a baited hook alone. True, there are many arguments both pro and con in this regard and what I've expressed above has almost always held true for me and my circle of friends.

With the strong currents found at Romer Shoals, it becomes a place where you'd most likely benefit from time to time through the use of a spinner. Then, too, at slack tides, there's something else on the market (or you can make it): the feather jig. This is nothing more than having several white feathers tied to your favorite hook. Then once the tide has stopped running, all you have to do is to change over to the jig and to give it the up-and-down motion it requires by raising and lowering your pole's tip. Often this is all you'll require in order to make the fish begin to feed again.

From Romer Shoals, I usually move towards the point of Sandy Hook again and fish a place called Flynn's Knoll. Here it is very much like the shoals with average water depths in the ten to fifteen foot range. The bottom is also sandy and the bonus hook should also be utilized here. One thing to remember is that the current runs exceptionally strong here, and also that you're usually right on the edge of Sandy Hook Channel; so if you see a large tanker or something coming, get out of the way quickly. You may not be able to correctly estimate his distance and your ability to move in such a strong current.

From the Knoll, we often head west at 290° until we reach Chapel Hill Channel. Here we fish anywhere from its beginning at the munitions pier to where it runs into Ambrose Channel at West Bank Light. Places where we've found great fluke activity have been by Red Nun markers 6, 8, and 10. I like an outgoing tide, and drift off over parts of Romer Shoals.

If this area isn't productive, then we move in towards Staten Island or out to the Tin Can Grounds and we make this decision based upon the previous reports we've received. Again, it's a decision because you can't reasonably fish both locations well in the same day. As for the Tin

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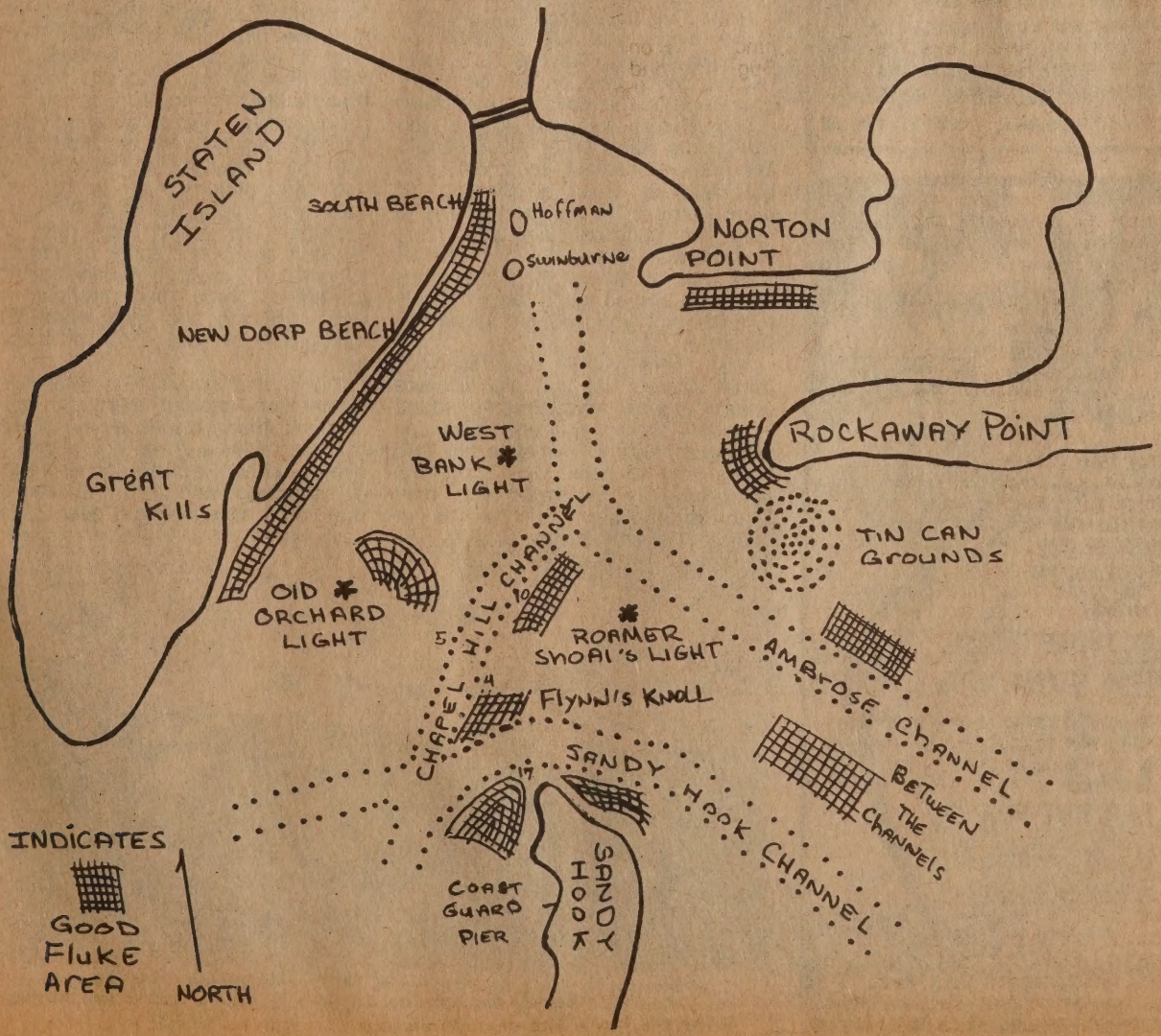

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Can Grounds, fishing is very much like the Shoals and the Knoll; while if you elect to head in towards Staten Island, you'll have slightly different conditions to contend with.

Once we reach Staten Island, we like to start fishing off of Great Kills park. Here the bottom is very sandy and very shallow. We attach our fluke rig—which consists of a triangular swivel running to our weight, line, and hook which is about twenty-four to thirty inches off of it. As far as a hook goes, I prefer a #2 porgy hook, to which I attach my bait. As far as bait, offshore I prefer strips of either squid or fluke belly which are cut about five to six inches long and tapered from one inch at the top to a very sharp point at the bottom; while inshore, I fish whatever the most predominant bait fish appears to be. In this case, just off Staten Island, I find that bait fish to be the snapper blue. Spearing and killies are also good.

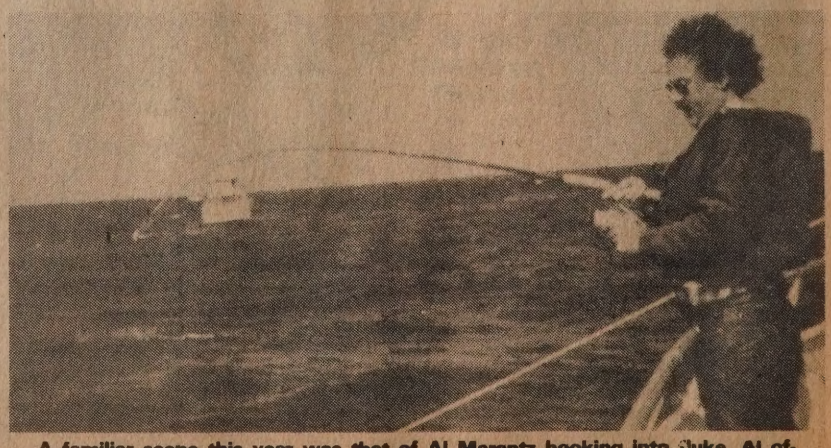
After fishing along Great Kills Park, we move up to off of New Dorp and Midland Beaches and if they're not so good, we try in the vicinity of Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. Here again, we use bait fish in order to fool the fluke.

Now, I've mentioned quite a few places where you can actually fish for fluke all day. No one can really tell you which location will be better on any particular day; so, therefore, you must **plan** your day so that you can get to some other place should the area you select poop out. The best way to select a jumping off place (somewhere to start from) is to read The Fisherman and your daily newspapers. These sources can at least tell you where the fishing has been hot, and all you'll have to do is to find out if you, too, can get in on the action.

Now, once you've selected your initial place to fish and you've made several rigs to which you've added your bait, there's only one thing else for you to know just what to do. And that's how to hook 'em. This one point actually separates the men from the boys. Sure, it's easy to get to these various places and to fish the proper rig at the proper time with the correct bait; but now that you've received your first hit, what are you going to do? Well, if you said, "That's stupid, all you've got to do is to immediately hook the fish," then you're wrong, and it's going to be a long and frustrating day for you. I've been out there with people who I've touted to give the bait to the fish and they couldn't help their reactions to hook at the first hit. They caught several fish and lost many more on the way up to the boat; while as for me on the exact same day, well, I caught plenty. This is because once I feel any pressure, be it a hit or a snag (which you really can't tell apart at this point), I immediately lean my pole toward the fish giving the line an awful lot of slack. Then, I begin to gather back the line until I reach either the fish or the snag. Then, I add some pressure, at which point I'll either feel the fish pulling and I'll pull the pole up to hook 'em; or I'll know I'm in a snag and I'll pull my pole up immediately and try to get it directly over and off of the snag.

If you should follow this simple rule, it will improve your catch. Remember, at the first sign of a hit, give the fish your bait—then hook him! This is all done because the fluke likes to first grab his meal; then he likes to take it in. If you bait up properly, always leaving your bait trailing behind, his first grab will catch the bait in back of the hook and should you try to hook now, you might feel the fish—but eventually he would slide right off the bait and you'd come up empty. Whereas if you give it back to him at the hit, he'll soon swallow the whole offering and then when you pull, you'll be pulling the hook into him.

Well, that's about it for now. Remember—get out there and give some of these places a try. Check the tide tables and see if you will be fishing either a slack or a strong current period and then make certain that you'll have the right gear to fish each with.



A familiar scene this year was that of Al Marantz hooking into fluke. Al often plays back twenty feet of line or more to insure that a fish hitting lightly will be hooked.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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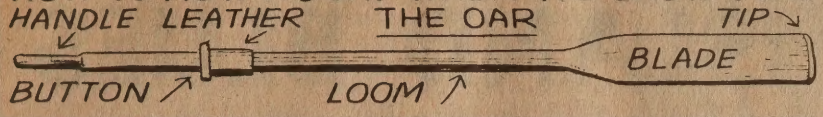

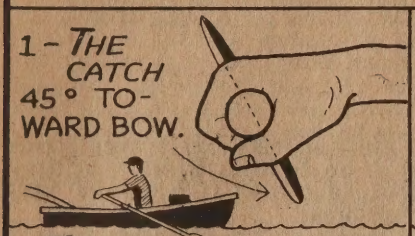

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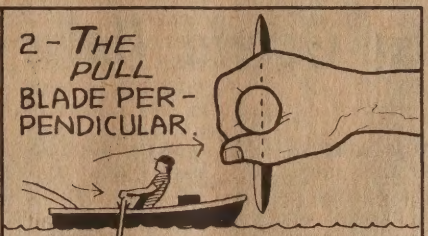

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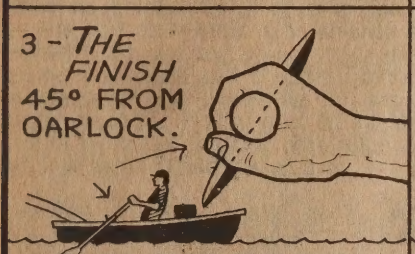

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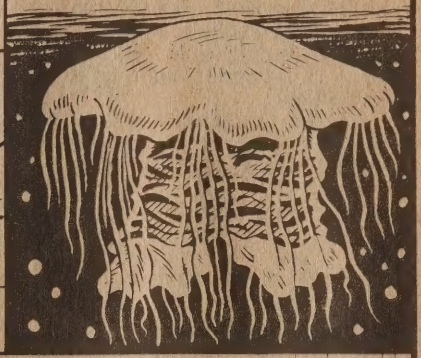

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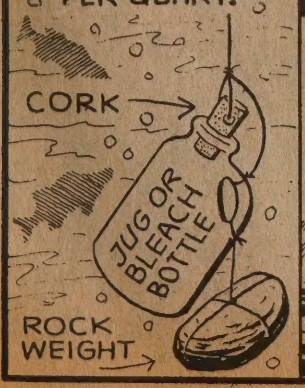

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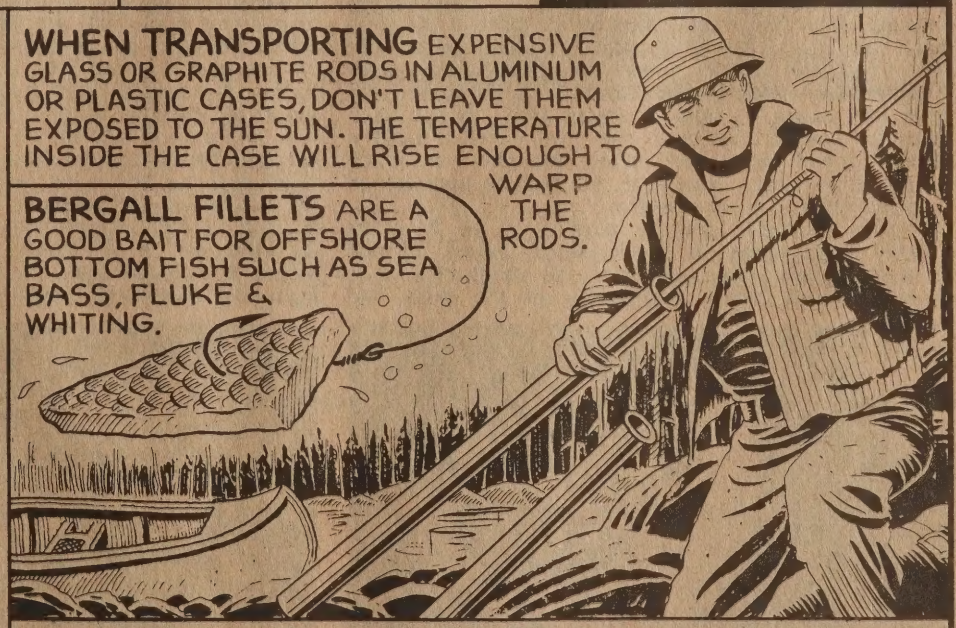

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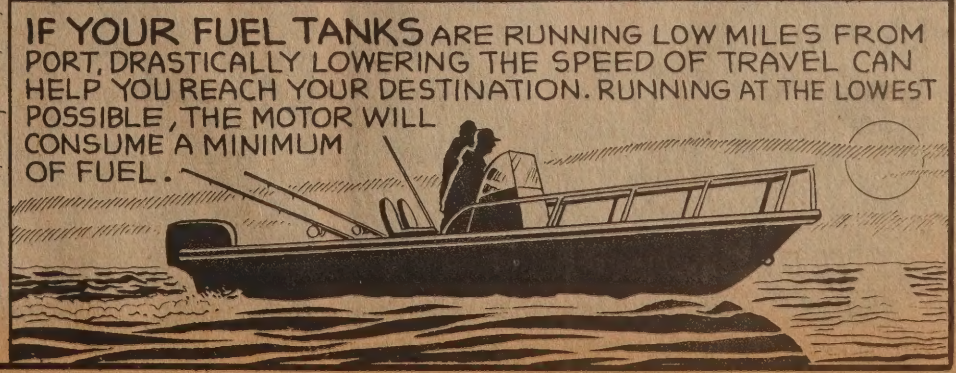

BLUE NIGHTS: BLOCK ISLAND BLUES

by Gerald Hahn

Last July, a school of small bluefish unexpectedly invaded Moriches Bay in Long Island and ruined my fluke fishing for awhile. Anticipating a steady day of drifting for flatfish, I suddenly found myself chasing choppers feverishly. But the run soon ended—bay blues showing up inevitably when I could not fish for them from my rented skiff. Having caught "the fever," however, I decided it was time to go out on a party boat for big blues.

But the first time I arrived at Montauk Harbor to catch an 8AM boat, I realized that too many other people had the same idea. There were fish to be caught all right, but I am not fond of competing with sixty people or more aboard—especially not for this species. Unless there is a fantastic run, a school of ten to twelve pound blues is not going to be large enough for everyone to catch fish, despite the usual summer fanfare of "great bluefishing" being reported. I decided to try the night boats instead.

On a week-night trip from seven in the evening until one-thirty or two in the morning, most of the time there were fewer people aboard, the atmosphere more congenial, the mates more responsive, and most important—the fishing better for all. Not that there were more fish around at night (it varied from about fifteen blues for twenty anglers to over two hundred for the same), but with more room aboard, the odds were much better. Gone, too, were the enormous numbers of tangled lines and short tempers.

Most of the nighttime bluefishing at Montauk actually takes place off Block Island, about thirteen miles northeast of Montauk Point and about an hour to ninety minutes away, depending on the boat and weather conditions. Although there may be more intense runs closer to port at places like Cartwright or Great Eastern, the Block Island area is generally more consistent and the fish larger.

Even with few people aboard and being taken to decent fishing grounds, however, knowing a few things about this species and how to fish for them on party boats, can make a considerable difference. For one, a night boat with more room means you can try different spots without crowding others. If hits occur in a series off one side of the boat, by all means take advantage of it: this is impossible to do on a full ship. Many nights the stern, a most popular area, is best; but other nights the bow, or along the port or starboard sides will be more productive.

During the day, it is often a toss-up between artificials (ten ounce diamond jigs, tube lures, etc.) and bait. At night, however, most of the fishing is done with bait from an anchored position or by drifting. Whole mossbunker or its cousin the herring, or smelt (sometimes butterfish) are used. A typical Montauk rig consists of a ten ounce in-line trolling sinker or drail tied on one end to a two foot length of eighty pound test leader. A standard clinch knot connects leader to sinker (improved clinch knots do not work well with such heavy line) and an end loop for connecting leader to main line with another clinch knot. The ponderous leader acts as a shock absorber and is insurance against losing rigs when fish are densely schooled; it does not always work. The hook, a 10/0 O'Shaughnessy or Siwash is connected to the other end of the sinker with a length of chain by means of an S connector, for a total of about nine inches from hook to sinker. In addition, a Duo-Lock snap, size

Ten pounds of fury flying over the rail. Night fishing for blues can make you forget about sleep.

Anglers have their work cut out for them when the action is hot.

6, is attached to the same eye of the sinker as the S connector. At first, I thought that the chain—which resembles a miniature shark rig—was too cumbersome and I fashioned a rig using sixty pound test leader, doubled. I caught one twelve pounder with this rig; but on the next hit, the line suddenly slackened. When I reeled up, the hook with a missing barb was barely attached to the doubled leader, one-half of which was severed. After that encounter, I stayed with the chain.

To bait up, you open the snap, force it through the eyes of the bait fish to keep it straight, then lock it; lay the chain straight along the side of the bait and insert the hook near the dorsal fin, the belly, or the tail—depending on the size of the bait fish. Some boats have rigs with no attachment for the head of the bait. Here you bait a bunker like you would a sand eel for fluke: hook and chain go through the mouth and out the gills or through the eyes before embedding the hook, as mentioned. Other boats use a two-hook rig with an 8/0 O'Shaughnessy on top, connected to one of the chain links by means of a heavy-duty split ring. This hook goes through the lower jaw and out the top of the head, while the bottom hook is inserted as before. All these chain and drail rigs work best when the boat is anchored.

Some nights, especially around full moon periods when the fish stay away from the boat, drifting a floating rig is better. A twelve to eighteen inch coated, flexible wire leader of around fifty pound test is used. The best kinds have a Duo-Lock snap for the hook. About two hundred feet of line or more is paid out (usually from the stern) and the reel left open with the clicker on. Or it can be worked back and forth a few feet at that distance. On pick-ups here, it is best to wait a few seconds before setting the hook because boat, bait, and blue are all moving.

Some experienced party boat anglers bring their own bait for drift fishing. One night I saw a person come aboard with live tinker mackerel caught from the dock and kept alive in a large plastic bin. Hooking the mackerel lightly just ahead of the dorsal fin, he drifted it way out from the stern. The result? Eight blues in the ten to twelve pound class!

Rental tackle (for around $3.00) consists of a beefy six to seven foot conventional rod with a revolving spool reel (about 3/0 size) filled with forty to sixty pound test monofilament. I have two rods—a nine foot conventional "meatstick" for cod which works easily on bluefish and a smaller six foot rod, somewhat lighter and more flexible than rental rods, which I find more fun to use. Having acquired two reels similar to rented models, I can play around with thirty pound test on one and twenty-five pound on the other. The truth is I find forty pound test too heavy—except when it is really crowded. Good quality twenty-five pound test will hold any blue if you play it right, and provides more hook-ups as well, as the light rod bends to a ten pounder thrashing on the surface at the end of an eighty foot haul. However, the major problem with light line is that it may break when

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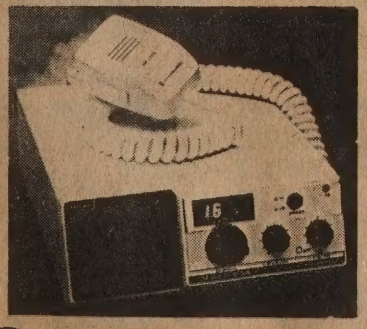

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When the first nit of the night occurs, the mates usually call out, "how many turns?" They are not counting birds, but determining which level the fish are by turns of the reel handle. Many times fish are caught from ten feet off the bottom to mid-level water; but other times, believe it or not, those aggressive predators forage right on the bottom like cod. Keep experimenting with different levels much as you would with a diamond jig—especially if the action is slow.

Despite their reputation, bluefish are not that easy to hook and many fish are lost on the way up. Some blues have an annoying habit of chomping a bait just behind the hook. This is usually signalled as a quick on-and-off hit. If this happens, select a smaller bait and place the hook as close to the tail as you can. Other blues may clamp down on the whole bait, but as you are reeling in, sometimes almost to the surface, the line suddenly slackens. In one case, the fish probably made a dash in your direction, swimming faster than you were reeling; in another, it was probably not hooked to begin with—merely hanging on and enjoying the ride. The bait disintegrates in its mouth, the blue yawns and gives you back the rig—sans herring. In the first example, reel faster as soon as the line goes slack; and in the second, a pause before striking the fish will ensure a good hook-up. Finally, other blues manage to frustrate the angler at the last minute, snapping the line—the result of a drag set too tight. When you detect a hit (which can be anything from a delicate nibble to an exploding jolt), strike the fish hard after pausing a few seconds, then hang on. Leave no slack in the line from that point on, keep the pressure on and reel with a regular pace without rushing it. Keep the blue's head in the water until the mate gaffs it for you and let him remove the hook as well, if you are new to this game.

At Montauk there are at least two boats fishing every night for blues throughout the summer: the "Viking Starship" and the "Marlin IV." Other boats go out only some nights. Aside from fishing with more elbow room than in the day, night fishing for blues offers other bonuses: cool ocean breezes on hot summer nights and dramatic sunsets on the way out. But I also find the senstation of fishing under the stars or on a barely visible, black sea with a few other fishing boats suspended in the distance like those sparkling spaceships in "Close Encounters," a thrilling alternative to fishing in the day. Luminous bait fish: chromed sand eels, blue/purple gars attracted by the deck lights, dart nervously back and forth on the surface like pencil poppers, often jumping two feet out of the water as the long, silvery side of a blue becomes visible—momentarily—before exploding with a rush after its prey. With a little perseverance, you have a good chance to put that nighttime blue in your bag.

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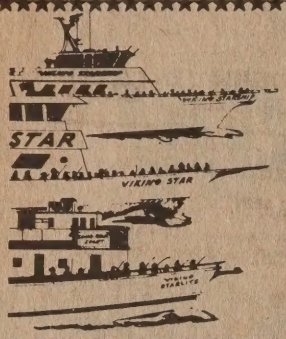

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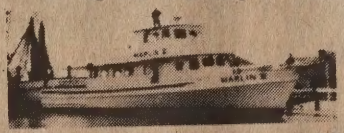

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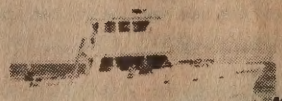

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Charter boat **Free Spirit** called to report a very good inshore and offshore week. Tuesday the charter loaded up with bonito, 3 tuna and 4 blue shark. Thursday's charter boated the biggest blue shark ever taken on the boat, a 350 lber. Friday's group loaded up on blue shark and also a small mako for a mount. Saturday's charter had 40 blues and a few bonito. Frank asked us to let you know that when any giant tuna are landed on his boat, on hook and line, the fish belongs entirely to the charter.

William Yates boated this 157 lb. thresher shark aboard Capt. Phil Lewis' charter boat "Adios."

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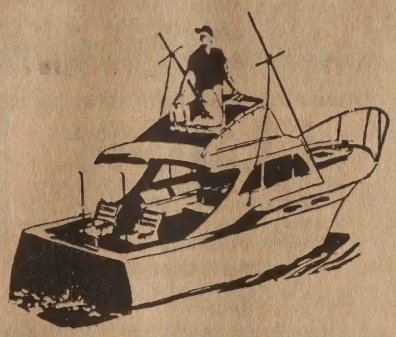

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Pool winners on a recent trip aboard the "Viking Starship" were Richard Beiler with a 50 lb. cod and Norman Bickelman with a 49½ lber.

Little Bear and **Flying Cloud** report they have had several days of steady porgy fishing under the Light and also at Great Eastern and that it appears that the porgies are taking hold.

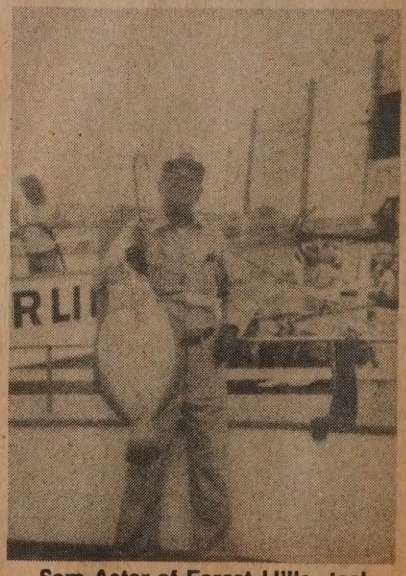
Charter boat **Montauk** called to report super inshore and offshore fishing. Friday's charter boated 101 blues and 39 weaks all on diamond jigs working from Shagwong to the North Rips. Blues ran 3-6 lbs. and weaks ran 6-14 lbs. Charters on the boat tagged and released over 100 shark during the week, mostly blues. A big tiger and several makos were also hooked but broke off. Sunday's charter caught a 58 lb. white marlin fishing 14 miles off the beach, the fish swallowing a whole mackerel intended for a shark. Also that day, 12 blue and brown shark were also mixed in.

Captain Jack Passie on the charter boat **Windy** tells us Monday through Thursday's fishing in the hours up to 9Am were good on porgies, 150 lbs. for a good day, 100 lbs. for a fair day. Friday's bluefish charter had 76 blues from 1½-12 lbs. and 12 weaks in the 7 lb. class working Shagwong. Saturday's charter had 75 blues again. This was all on umbrellas. There was loads of fog all week, murder on taking shore ranges.

Charter boat **King Wayne** reports Wednesday's charter included the crew from Gurney's gourmet kitchen. They fished south of the Point and bagged 4 tuna and 24 bonito, and they ended up sharking. A blue shark was tagged and released. Saturday's group for the Atlantis Anglers of Freeport. They took fluke in the morning and loaded up with porgies in the afternoon on Shagwon Reef. Sunday's charter for Tim Warnock of Bayside and friends trolled all day for blues, bonito and weakfish off the Point and Shagwong.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** has been fishing Gardiner's and the Point and says catches have been good to super. High hook for the week was Phyllis Westbrook with 101 porgies. Phyllis is from Brooklyn. Even Saturday many anglers went home with 30-70 porgies. Sunday's high hook of 57 porgies of mixed sizes was good, considering the boat traffic.

Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** informs us fluking was good Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Youngster S. Briand took a 7 and 8 lb. fluke on the **Viking Star** Friday. Cod at Coxes Ledge has been good all week long with fish in the 8-12 lb. range and in quantities. Saturday fishing was off due to the heave but picked up twice as good on Sunday. Night blues have been very good all week through Sunday except for



Sam Aster of Forest Hills, took this 12 lb. doormat on the "Marlin V" at Montauk.

Phyllis Kieffer helps John and Brian Jones display some of the big weaks and blues taken aboard the charterboat "Barracuda."

Saturday and Saturday night due to the heave. Not to be left out, the porgies took a dip Saturday but bit well Monday thru Friday and Sunday, all medium.

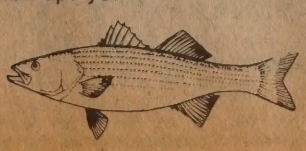
Jerry Locastro and Dave Glaitti caught a 12' 2" male blue shark 18 miles northeast of Montauk Point in 190' of water. Weighed in at 356 lbs, taken on the **Free Spirit.** Jerry Locastro of Valley Stream caught a 67 lb. blueshark on 10 lb. test mono. In addition to the above fish 7 other blue sharks were boated by Tom Blasi, J. Minerva and J. Actianese—all of Valley Stream. The largest a 356 lber will be mounted along with 2 other blue sharks. This is possibly a new Montauk blue shark record.

Captain Bruce Hoek of the charter boat **Tara** reported Friday night trolling for bass, his party had 5 stripers all in the 20 lb. range fishing Great Eastern. His Saturday and Sun. half-day charters fished for blues and had good catches both days on blues and weaks on umbrellas and diamond jigs.

Charterboat **Daybreak** reports a group from the Colony Bar on Wed. caught a 223 lb. mako and several blue shark in 170' of water. The group was led by Jerry Goff and Bill Bickness. Most of the blue shark are being released.

Captain John Sweetman of the charter boat **Ebb Tide** hooked and landed an 850 lb. mako on Wednesday for that day's charter. It is just about one year ago that John had that huge great white. Obviously, when John does something, he does it big.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports the inshore blue and weakfishing has been fantastic. Offshore has also been good with many blue shark. Giant tuna have been seen all around the boat, but no hook-ups yet.



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Thom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** told us that weakfish and bluefish are still showing in the early a.m. at Nassau Point. The Long Beach and Sebonac areas are producing fish as well as some of the deeper channels. Thom suggested anglers intent on fluke give the area west of the Ponquogue Bridge a shot. Porgy fishing has been good at Gardiner's and also in Noyac Bay. Anglers who bring along a chum pot invariably wind up with the best catches. Thom also had some offshore news to report. James Casella fished with Capt. Charles Casella Jr. aboard the Lorraine. Fishing southeast of Shinnecock Inlet in 160' of water James landed a 47 lb. white marlin. They also caught and released a tiger shark as well as boating several big bluefish. The marlin was taken on a mackerel bait.

The Captain Clark Fleet reports weakfishing has been fair to good through the past week, fishing both eastern and western Peconic Bays. Weaks are in the 2-4 lb. class and are being taken on sand worms. Porgy action is erratic with some very good fishing if wind and tide conditions are right. Some large kingfish being caught in the deep water east of Nassau Point on clam

A mixed bag of 12 fluke, 2 flounder, a blackfish, and 1 sea bass, taken by Hank Schlanger and Joe Zvonik at Buoy 44 on spearing and squid. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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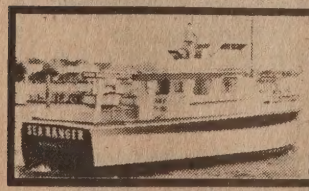

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and worm. The offshore wreck trip Sat. saw slow fishing due to a heavy groundswell and rough conditions. Some sea bass were caught along with blackfish and ling.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** called to tell us that on Fri. Bob Mistina on his Misty II fished 170' of water and had 6 brown shark along with a 167 lb. mako. Bluefish action has been excellent in 85' of water trolling umbrellas. Fluking has been good around buoys 38 and 39 and the east and west cuts of the inlet on squid-spearing combos. Catches are averaging about a dozen keepers per person.

L&M Marine tells us the fluking is of good quality though not necessarily quantity. Joe Arana, John Bota, and Richie Babst of Mastic had 9 fluke, all over 2 lbs. Three to four pounders are being taken in the Elbow using sand eel-squid combos.

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Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** says the crabs are humongus (big) from buoys 19 to 12 in huge quantities. One skiff came back with 3½ bushels of blue claw crabs. Rings and traps working on all running tides. Some good blues in the 2-3 lb. range from buoy 17 to 20. Fluke from buoys 19-26, averaging 8-10 keepers a boat, all nice size. No midgets. These fish are 3-5 lbers. Quite a few blowfish taken in crab traps.

SAYVILLE

Youngs Fishing Station says weaks in the 2-3 lb. class are being caught at buoys 28, 29 and 30 and behind the dredges on worms, squid and Salty Dogs. Fluke being picked in the Ocean Beach area on killie-squid combos. Excellent crabbing all over. Some porgies at buoy 20 on worms and clam.

WEST SAYVILLE

Jack of the **American Sportsman** reports super crabbing and excellent snapper fishing at all the local docks. Due to a big heave on the ocean over the weekend Jack had no offshore news to report. He did say that small weakfish are being taken

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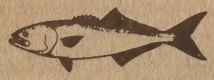

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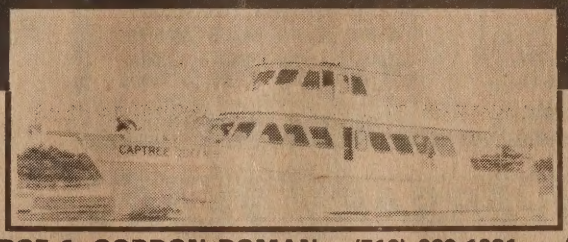

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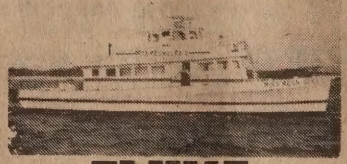

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place went to Cookie Ferri with a 2 lb. 10 oz. fluke. Third place fish was taken on the boat Woodpecker. Bluefishing remains good with big fish concentrated 3 miles east of the NA. Three to four lb. fish are concentrated around Cholera. Bluefin tuna, albies and bonito have been taken this past week 150° out of the inlet in 100' of water on feathers, cedar jigs and green machines. Crabbing is excellent off the docks and snappers abound.

CAPTREE

The **Jib Fleet** reports fluke fishing generally excellent. Some days are naturally slower than others. Late last week 7 yr. old Warren Rosario caught his first fluke, a 3 pounder, aboard the **Jib VI**. Ernie Fesler, Sr. had 9 fluke from 2 to 3 lbs. in addition to a pool winning 4½ pounder. Best action has been from the Inlet to West Channel with killies taking most of the fish.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** reports boats are managing to do a decent job on the night trips off of Cherry Grove. Sunday evening the **Speedy VI** was enjoying good action off of the pipeline. For day trips Speedy has been running to down off of the Jersey Highlands where action has been fantastic for blues running 4 to 8 lbs. The fish are hitting jigs and catches of 35 to 45 fish per man were not unusual this past week. Occasionally the fishing will slow for a day but tempo picks up again the following day. Speedy says this is a big body of fish. Capt. Wayne has been enjoying good fluke fishing from the Bridge to the Lighthouse on killies and spearing. All of the fish are keepers and flood tide seems to provide the most consistent action.

Capt. Patricia Litwin of the open boat **Capt. Ben Litwin** reported both the bluefishing and the fluke fishing very good in recent days. The bluefishng is being done at night off of Patchogue where the fish are running anywhere from 6 to 12 lbs. Fluking has been best from West Island to the Bridge. The flatfish are averaging 2 lbs. with no throwbacks. Killie and squid combos at the changes of tide account for the best catches.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** reported that on the Sunday a.m. trip his first drift from buoy 4 to the Lighthouse produced 150 fluke. Most all of the fish are 2 to 3 lbs. with the pool usually in the 4 lb. class. Carl said best action has been last of incoming and first of the ebb. Sunday's p.m. trip in contrast to the morning fishing was much slower due to the tide situation. Both killies and spearing are taking the fish. Carl has been fishing an area stretching from Ocean Beach all the way down to the Inlet.

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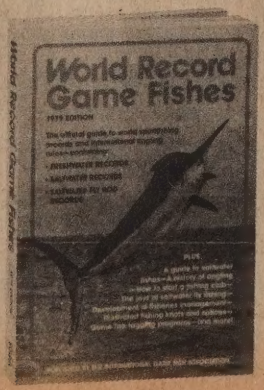

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they have been fishing down off of Jersey on the day run. Two different bodies of fish, one in the 3 to 5 lb. class and another in the 7 to 12 lb. class have been jumping on bait but primarily on jigs with a teaser tube tail. On the night trips fish from 3 to 12 lbs. are being taken down off of Patchogue. Recent days have seen an improvement in this fishing.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** reports fluking has been very good. After having been shore bound for several weeks, Capt. Rod has been sailing aboard the boat. Glad you are back Rod and hope to once again see you making a dent in the Fire Island fluke population.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** called to report fluking has been good on their trips with catches of 60-120 keeper fluke per trip on killies and spearing. Walter is fishing between the bridge and West Island in the deep water. Blues have picked up this week and Fri. night's charters saw catches of 10-20 choppers per man for those who stayed at the rail.

The Captain Scotty reports fishing has been good on the blues day and night, but the nights have been a little more erratic. Please note that the Capt. Scotty is now sailing its night trips at 7Pm rather than 8Pm. It's still bait and chum at night, artificials during the day.

Captain Sam Schwarzman who runs the **Yankee II** at night reported he had 15 people out on a reservation trip and they took 150 blues off Patchogue Beach. Saturday night, 28 men from Liberty Fabrications, charter headed by Tony Salerno bagged nearly 200 blues in the area of the artificial reef.

Captain Sam of the charter boat **Eleanor** reports their inaugural fluke trip out of Captree for 14 people from Don-Jay Auto Parts headed by Don Marcoti boated 80 fluke up to 4 lbs. fishing from the mouth of the inlet to the bridge. There are some weekend charters available on the Eleanor. See ad for details. This boat is formerly out of Greenport and is now berthed at Captree.

OAK BEACH

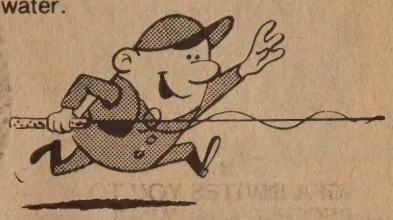
The Store reports that Bud Miller ran 145 degrees out of Fire Island to 110' of water and loaded up on albacore in the 12 lb. range. Red and white feathers did the trick. Hayes says that there is a good body of fluke in the 2 to 4 lb. class from the Lighthouse down to the Inlet. Still bluefish in and out of the Inet and just outside with weakfish underneath them. Fish can be both trolled or jigged. Lots of stingrays in the bay and in the Inlet and snappers and crabs plentiful all over.

BABYLON

Rich at **High Hook Fishing Station** says the fluking has been up and down, fish in the 2-4 lb. category being picked in the State Channel and Snake Hill channel along with some 1-3 lb. blues hitting fluke rigs or tins on spinning tackle. Steamboat is producing more weakfish. The fluke are hitting spearing or killies with squid strips, ebb tide best. Crabbing is excellent on the flats in the State Channel.

Charlie's Fishing Station says lots of crabs being caught on the flats near Bergen Point in traps and on rings and nets. Fluking has been good all week except Sat., catches averaging 5 keepers per man, best at Grass Island on squid and big spearing. Fluke have been ranging from 2½-4 lbs. and catches are best around the high.

Ski at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** tells of a 49 lb. striped bass taken recently by Tom Graziano of W. Islip on a live eel at the Sore Thumb area. Fluking remains good 2 hours on either side of the high. Bay blues at the inlet. Two to four lb. weaks at Heckscher and Ocean Beach on small Hopkins, artificial shrimp and sand worms Fri., Sat., and Sun. Ski says Sunday was a bit of a bummer at the Canyon. Skippies and green bonito in 85-100' of water. The numbers of crabs around are unbelievable, especially at nights with lights. Big blues between Ocean Beach and Patchogue in 85' of water.



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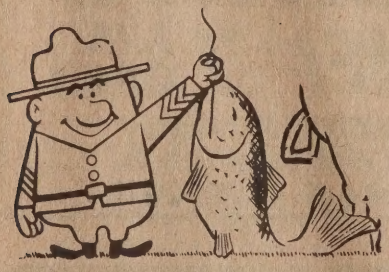

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This pan of 3¾ lb. fluke were part of a nine-fish catch landed by young Ted Widenski. Photo courtesy of Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station.

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Captain Eddie's Fishing Station tells us fluking has remained good, 16 for one boat, other skiffs averaging 7-9 fish all keepers. Best areas have been Great Isl. channel and the State Channel at the Wantagh bridges. Both tides working at the bridges with sand eels, spearing, killies and squid on the hook, fish running up to 4 lbs. Good blue claw crabbing at the end of the canals and snappers at the town dock along with crabs.

Pop's Fishing Station called to report an overall good week. A party of 3 from Brooklyn caught 16 good fluke fishing around the bridges. Snappers are a good number and the crabs are really starting to show up now. Largest catch for one group was 45 fluke taken on sand eel and squid. Pop feels the crabbing will get better right after the full moon.

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station tells us fluking remains good from Four Corners to the Wantagh bridges. Saturday, John Tease and sons had 10 keepers up to 3 lbs. Also one of the private boats came back with a 5 lb. weak caught at the 3rd Wantagh bridge on a worm. Crabs and snappers are abundant.

MERRICK

The Singing Dog at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore sings of spotty fluking in the Jones Inlet area and in the back bays, which should pick up again with a little cooler weather. Jumbo blues in the 18-20 lb. range were taken by one boat trolling on Fri. at Ambrose. Smaller blues being trolled locally but not in big numbers. Some also at the BA and HA areas. Snappers and crabs plentiful.

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says that through Fri. some decent fluking was had in Ned's Creek on killies. A 30 lb. bluefin tuna was caught by Harry Weinblatt of Merrick fishing 150° in 135' of water on Fri., plus two skippies. Tuna was taken on Jetheads. Blues are being trolled and chummed at 17 Fathoms. Small snappers in the Bay.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of albies and yellowfin tuna in 110' of water Saturday with skippies added on Sunday, all which

have fallen for small red and black feathers. Spotty fluking this past week in Reynold's Channel, boats coming back with anywhere from 2-9 fluke on spearing, killie and squid. Crabs abundant.

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BLUES

FREEPORT

Captain Sy of the **Bluefin Fleet** tells us that the triangle formed by Ambrose Ridge, Sea Bright and the BA are holding a load of 4-6 lb. bluefish, with an occasional 10 plus iber being yanked up. Catches have been very good Mon. thru Sun. with the best being Fri. and Sat. charters which were really super-duper. On Fri., Charlie Baloa of Plain Edge had a 10.2 chopper. On Thurs., two fares had 30 fish each. This has all been on Ava-27's and 47's and on green bananas. Captain Ed Geyer who runs the Bluefin II at night had very productive catches Fri. and Sat. night on bait. The boat has only 4 night bluefish dates open.

Captain Dan Pollara of the charter boat **Nan Sea** called to tell us he had 9 skipjack Sun. which were trolled up for his party working the Texas Tower area.

Starstream II reports excellent bluefishing Sat. and Sun. nights with lots of fish on Sunday's day trip. On Saturday, good fishermen had 30-40 blues. Action was 15 mins. south of the BA and it was steady fishing and a lot of fish in the area in the 3-8 lb. range. Richie says on Sun. he was on fish all day, but passengers were slow getting their jigs into the water. In short, excellent catches can be made day or night, so come on down says Richie and the best time to go is Sunday night or Monday night when crowds are the lightest.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** tells of very good bluefishing all week long, days and nights, working from buoy 4 through Long Branch. Al says it's a slaughter on diamond jigs and bananas with A-47's working best. Plenty of action with fish 4-6 lbs., with a few up to 10 lbs. Action is steady. Night trips are better now averaging 200-300 fish a night on the boat on bait.

The **Captain Bill** continues its half-day fluke trips though catches have been up and down all week.

Captain Spider on the **Aloma II** reports that Thurs., Fri., and Sat., saw very good fluking for his passengers in the State Channel

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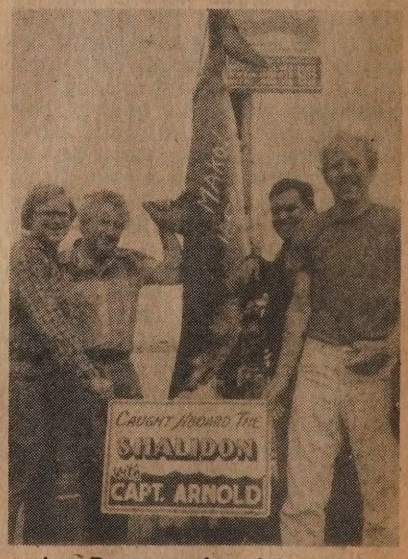
Spider says he will be running the night blue trips himself August 17 and 24.

Charter boat **Shalidon** called to tell us that on Friday, Hal Kaplan of Oceanside took his 1st bluefish , a 9 lber. taken on a downrigger south of the Whistler Sat. fishing 10 mi. north of the Texas Tower a charter for Tom Donovan of Inwood and party boated a 28 lb. bluefin tuna. Chris McCarthy had a 105 lb. dusky which was taken back for a jaw mount. The boat still has a few tuna and cod dates open. See ad for details.

The Freeport Boatmen's Association had all "blues news". Most of the action was off Long Branch and the whole fleet that sailed for them came back loaded up. Fish ran 7-10 lbs. and several hit the 12 lb. mark. Loads of fish and steady action was the word for those jigging for the boats that were jigging and also the boats using bait.

Ronnie at **Sea Isle Sports** tells us that the 50 boats that participated in the Freeport Fishing Festival had a solid mixed bag of tuna, shark, blues and marlin. Largest fish was a 400 lb. tiger shark.

Mark's Bait and Tackle tells us that Joe and Nick Pagillo of Lynbrook took 43 fluke Sat., back-trolling local back bays. Fish were 16"-18".



Joe Brennan, far right, with his 185 lb. mako taken in 160' of water S.E. of Jones Inlet. Fish was taken aboard the charterboat "Shalidon."

Captain Ken Brayshaw from the **Jackpot** called to say last Sunday's charter of Gary Sanchez, J. Drago, J. Grasso, B. Knight, F. Luhrs and R. Hallenbeck fished s.e. of Jones Inlet to 160' of water to catch 2 tigers sharks, 1 of 100 lbs and 1 of 450 lbs. Saturday of this week, a party led by Dr. Tinson and friend trolled a mess of skipjacks and bonitos, also s.e. of the inlet in about 130' of water. Sunday's charter led by Mr. Meilak from NYC repeated the good fishing of the previous day. Still a couple of weekend dates open for the end of August.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports picky fluking this past week, but even so one rental that really worked at it coaxed 18 keepers into the boat, which was the best catch of the week. This was on killie-squid combos in the Swift Creek and Fundy area. Good mixed bag of sea bass, porgies, blacks and flounder are being taken under the bridges on worm and clam. Snappers and blue claw crabs are in very big numbers.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** reports he is catching some fluke, some days better than others and everyday is different. Please note that the boat sails at 10AM for you late sleepers. The boat will start sailing night blues also Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Captain Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus** reports bluefishing is super, a full box on every trip. Shark fishing is also very good with tigers and hammerhead taking up the slack in makos. Tuesday fishing s.e. in 150' of water a luckless angler dropped a tiger around 400 lbs. Wednesday in the same area the Wellman brothers did a good job on duskies all over 100 lbs. Friday and Saturday Capt. Mike brought back 2 hammerhead and tagged 12 sharks between the two days.

Richie at **Charvin Fishing Station** says the most consisten and best news now is the steady bluefish action off the Jersey Highlands with fish running 3-12 lbs. It's jig fishing daytime and bait fishing nights. One frustrated fluke fanatic took a can of chum and boated over to Fl Inlet where he chummed up a very good catch of fluke on the weekend. Plenty of blueclaw crabs all over and snappers are progressing as only snappers can.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports some good fluke action in the area of the Golf Course. Walter and Martha Roesch had 17 nice fluke on killies over the weekend. Willy McMahon, Dooley Douglas and his son Al had two 4½ lb. fluke among their catch on Saturday. Joe Schwartz of RVC had a 4½ lb. fluke Saturday to top off his catch. Lots of crabs on the flats. Some boats returned with as many as 100 of the good eating blueclaws. Howie Frankel of the Chub II and his first mate Michael Renner ran down to Ambrose and had a fine catch of sharks and bluefish to show for the day's efforts.

Scotty's Fishing Station reports some blues in the Inlet being taken on tin. Joe Piegare weighed in a 4 lb. 6 oz. fluke which he caught in front of the Coast Guard Station on Sunday. Crabbing in the area is fantastic and there are lots of bunker around for those interested.

ISLAND PARK

Captain Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say he just came back from a one-day Canyon trip and had 4 yellowfin tuna in the 30-50 lb class all on green machines and jet lures. Ron says he's had super abundant bluefishing all week long mainly off Elberon, N.J. and he is averaging 5 shark a day. Lupo umbrellas have been accounting for the blues and also a very good showing of weakfish.

Marty Feuer on his boat Marlena, along with 4 other boats fished the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club Canyon Tournament. Leaving Sat. morning, several allison tuna and white marlin were hooked and landed at the Texas Tower by 9PM Saturday night using light sticks and squid one of the boats got a 195 lb. hammerhead shark. Bob Foley took a 65 lb. swordfish. On Sun. morning one of the boats trolled up a 55 lb. white marlin and dropped 3 others. Canyon water temp ranged from 76-82°. Marty says the place is alive with skippies, dolphin and marlin.

Charlie of **Beckmann's Tackle** reports both weakfish and bluefish down at the Inlet. The weakfishing is strictly a nighttime affair while the blues can be taken during the day as well. Live bait, tins and small umbrella rigs are taking the bluefish while sandworms and jelly worms account for most of the weakfish. Weakfish run anywhere from 3 to 12 lbs. Charlie added that "snappers are all over the place".

LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** told us that 19 yr. old Leslie Riendflesh was looking for some skipjack or bonito out at the HA Buoy when a 45 lb. marlin came up and grabbed her jet lure. Nice going Leslie. Bernie Haag clicked with a 32 lb. striper at the Atlantic Beach Bridge Saturday a.m. The fish took a live bunker. Tom Henslen, Nick and Andy Lambru had 400 lbs. of blues fishing south of Ambrose on Sunday. Most of the fishing in the area is being done with jigs. Tom called the fluke fishing pretty good and added that there are plenty of crabs and snappers in the area.

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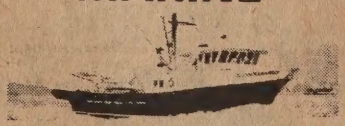

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Henning's Fishing Station reported fair fluking in Reynold's Channel and at the Inlet. Blues in and out of the Inlet to a mile outside. They come and go, can be trolled, jigged or cast to. Sy reported some boats returned with upwards of 2 bushels of blueclaw crabs from the back bay in recent days. Also, the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club held it's "Canyon Tournament" over the weekend. The boats Shammy, Marlena, Four Queens, Challenge, and the Jay Jeffrey York combined to land an assortment of bluewater species that included hammerhead sharks, swordfish, long-finned albacore, yellowfin tuna, Allison tuna, and white marlin.

Linda and Don Kruck with a nice catch of jumbo weaks and blues taken jigging aboard the "Kim" at Breezy Point.

Skippies Bait and Tackle tells us about a 55 lb. stingray taken on 12 lb. test Sat. morning in the dark by Gary Heim of Lynbrook near the Meadowbrook bridge using a bucktail and a Shakespeare Ugly Stik.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reports loads of sand porgies being taken on worms and snappers all over the place although they are still on the small side. Excellent crabbing as well. Fluke fishing at Rockaway Inlet described as fair and bluefish and weakfish being taken at the Inlet at the change of tide on bunker bait.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** reported fluke fishing was quite good over the weekend. On both Saturday and Sunday the boat fished the South Channel where catches up to 12 keeper fluke were taken. The fish ran an average of 2-3 lbs. and were taken on spearing and sand eels. The Pilot II will switch over to porgies, sea bass and blackfish starting August 6; so get out there for some fine bottom fishing.

The **Big Mohawk II** had a good weekend for fare going after big blues. On Saturday, the boat fished the BA buoy with bananas, bait and jigs and saw plenty of action with fish hitting the 12 lb. mark. Saturday night, the boat was offshore of Seabright where 3-6 lb. fish hit bait. On Sunday a massacre was had three miles south of Alberon; 250-300 bluefish in the 5-8 lb. range. Pool fish running up to 11 lbs. were had by anglers fishing bait. High hook taking 32 nice chopper blues. The Captain still has some choice dates open for night bluefishing, so cash in on some of this fast and furious action.

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle informs us that blues and weaks remain fair at the Tin Can on diamond jigs and on trolled umbrellas. Fluking remains good at Sandy Hook, Nortons Pt. and Ambrose Channel on sand eels and spearing. Some of the boats are starting to get porgies now. Bluefishing off the Jersey coast is nothing short of fantastic we are told for fish of mixed sizes.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reports school bass being worm trolled at buoy 21 and also at Hoffman and Swingburn Islands. Small blues at Buoy 4 off of Anandale and 20 and 39 in Princess Bay. Weakfish at 21 also at 20 and 39 on drifted sandworms and fluke along with the bluefish at buoy 4. Great Kills Harbor providing plenty of action with sand porgies, snappers and plenty of crabs.

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A.P. White Bait Shop reports that the local charterboat fleet has been doing a real job on the bluefish at the Race and also east of Gardiner's. The choppers at the Race are bigger fish and are being taken on jigs while the Gardiner's fish run 3 to 4 lbs. and are being taken both jigging and trolling umbrella rigs. Art called the porgy fishing and the blackfishing in the Sound very good. Porgies being taken on clams and worms while blacks are being taken on fiddlers and worms. Gardiner's Island is also holding it's own with the porgies. Snappers very good all

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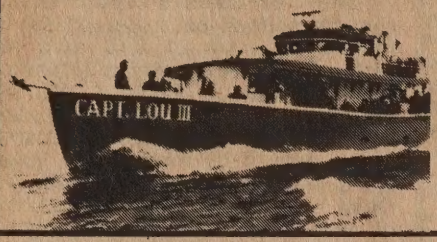

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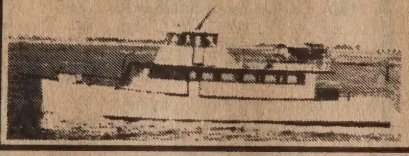

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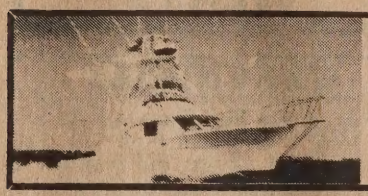

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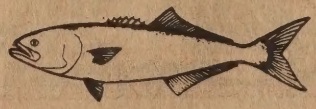

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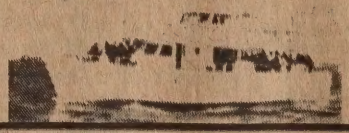

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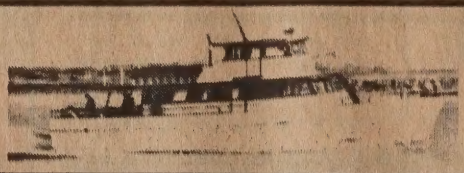

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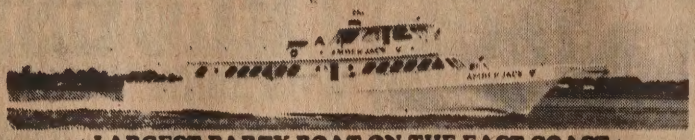

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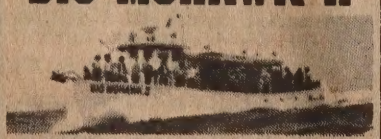

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NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports some good weakfishing taking place at the Rose Grove and also at the Middle Grounds. The fish run 1½ to 4 lbs. and are taking worms and squid strips. Porgies from 1 to 1½ lbs. have been accomodating anglers at the same Middle Grounds. Clams and worms produce these fish. Pound size bluefish being taken on artificials in both the North and South Race.

SAG HARBOR

The open boat **Wilhelric** reports big catches of porgies Saturday, all fares getting at least a 5 gal. bucketful. Matt Curran and son of East Penn. and Lester and Talton Alston of Sag Harbor were among the heavy hitters. Captain Artie Lach fished east of the Ruins. The boat is sailing 7AM everyday from the end of Long Wharf Pier.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait 9 Tackle reports bluefish being trolled in the Sound in good quantity with some weakfish mixed in. He reported that the fish are scattered around but did mention that buoy 5 has been fairly consistent. Small weaks at night near the Mattituck breakwater. In the Bay porgies and weakfish being taken on sandworms at buoys 22 and 23. Fluke are around but erratic.

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BLUES

ROCKY POINT

Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reports that Capt. Jerry of the charterboat Melissa found 51 blues for a party on Sunday. The fish were taken south of Buoy 9 on small black Sekora tubes. Picky fluke action south of buoys 11 and 9 but very good porgies down off of Wading River. Stan suggested trying off of the power plant and the town beach in 15' of water. Stan added that there are plenty of mackerel and bunker along local beaches.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reported good bluefishing continues at buoy 12 with a few bonito mixed in with the choppers. Blues run 2 to 4 lbs. and are being taken on both Tony Acetta spoons and umbrella rigs. Fluke are around but the fishing is erratic and some nice catchs of porgies coming out of the area. Weakfish still being taken evenings from Mt. Sinai to Port Jeff in along the beach. Best method has been to float either jellyworms or sandworms for these fish.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tackle Shack Sportsmens Center in Medford reports plenty of porgies from Pt. Jeff Harbor to Mt. Sinai taken on worms and clams with an assist from the chum pot. Fluke only fair for the die-hards on squid-spearing combos. Plenty of blues and weaks for early risers from buoy 11-9 and also in the surf from Mt. Sinai to Miller Pl. On the South Shore, crabbing is best this season and plenty of snappers for the kids at the Patchogue dock. Seymore Geirer aboard the Star Trek horsed in a 47 lb. bluefin tuna taken in 150' of water 210° degrees south of Moriches Inlet.

KINGS PARK

Artie of **Ski and Sea** reports that Buzzy Weber, a Kings Park sharpie landed a 42½ lb. striper on 6 lb. test line while weakfishing off Sunken Meadow on Friday, Lou and Lindsey Oher got 90 blues up to 8 lbs. on Ava Banana Twists off Sunken Meadow on Friday. Lee Hucke bagged a 12 lb. weak trolling in 10' of water off the Mansion using a black Tri-Fin eel worm. Jim

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O.K. Bait & Tackle reports that boats have been averaging from 10 to 25 blues in the 2 to 3 lb. class with an occasional 7 to 8 pounder mixed in. On Saturday Ron Contino returned with 4 fluke. All of the fish were in the 6 to 8 lb. class. They were taken on squid and spearing in Smithtown Bay. On Sunday Sal and Paul Bruno returned with 30 blues taken off of Sunken Meadow on Tri-Fin sandeel jigs. Also on Sunday, Tom Hart and Alfie Dwyer had a fine catch of 32 blues and also 20 porgies. The catch was made off of Callahan's.

NORTHPORT

Tom of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reports weakfishing has slowed considerably but there are enough fish around to keep anglers interested. Still some fish at the Obstruction Buoy and a few along Ashroken Beach. These are all tiderunners in the 7 to 10 lb. class says Tom. For the most action, Tom suggested snappers which are plentiful all over the harbor and along the beaches or porgies which have been providing good action in 40' of water off of the Lilco platform and also at Eaton's Neck. The Harbor is loaded with small sand porgies. Some nice fluke being picked up southeast of Buoy 13 on spearing, sandeels, and squid. Fair to good bluefish action off of the Lilco plant. These fish go up to 4 or 5 lbs. and Tom added that the further east you go the better the fishing.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Bait & Tackle reported a slow-down in the weakfishing as compared to recent weeks. Some fish are still being taken from Buoy 13 to the Obstruction Buoy and also at Buoy 15 during the evening hours. Best lures have been Tri-Fin sandeel jigs or Teardrop jigs. Small weaks in the 2 to 4 lb. class showing up among the porgy catches at Sand City. This is on worms. Some blues up to 15 lbs. being taken in the Eaton Neck rips. Two to three pounders being trolled on umbrella rigs off of Lilco. Nice size porgies up to 2 lbs. being taken on clams and worms from Buoy 2 to Morris Rock as well as at Eaton's Neck.

Joe Lupinacci worm-trolled this 26 lb. bass at Eaton's Neck. Fish was weighed at Four Winds Bait and Tackle.

Ronnie of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** reports anglers are picking away at the weakfish at Lloyd's Neck, Eaton's Neck and the Obstruction Buoy. Umbrella rigs, Tri-Fin sandeel jigs and jelly worms all take their share of fish. Some small blues in the 2 to 5 lb. class are scattered among the weakfish. Clams and worms are taking large porgies at Eaton's Neck and at the Obstruction Buoy. Eaton's Neck has been producing an average of only a couple of fluke per man but the fish are all doormats running anywhere from 4 to 9 lbs. Squid and sandeels take these fish. Worm trollers continue to take some nice bass down off of Marshall Field. Ronnie reported snappers are plentiful and improving in size in all the harbors.

Captain Ray of the charterboat **Eclipse** reports Saturday morning's charter for Bob Zuflackt resulted in Bob Molino hooking and landing a 12 lb. blue, biggest fish of the day. Weaponry was white tubed umbrellas fishing off the Lilco platform. Ray says porgies are in strong at Lilco and he's running special combination bluefish-porgy charters.

Jack at **Mooring Time Fishing Station** tells us Vinnie Pinho and Frank Pinho along with Tony Silva fishing sand worms at Duck Island boated 160 weaks averaging 2 lbs. each and 250 porgies in the 1-1½ lb. range. Most action is on porgies this past week and all of the rental boats are bringing them back in the 1-1½ lb. range. Best areas for porgies have been Duck Island, Buoys 11 and 15 at Lloyd' Neck.

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Mark of **Salty's Bait & Tackle** reports weakfish taking eelworms and jelly worms at night. Ava 27 jigs also take fish. An occasional big bass being taken on jelly worms meant for weakfish at Buoy 15. Fluke action fair to good at Buoy 15. One boat returned with 17 up to 3½ lbs. taken on squid and spearing bait. Blues in the 2 to 3 lb. class being taken on umbrella rigs and Ava 27s. Porgies off of Marshall Field on sandworms and clams and snappers all over the place. A 17 lb. blue was weighed in by a female angler over the weekend.

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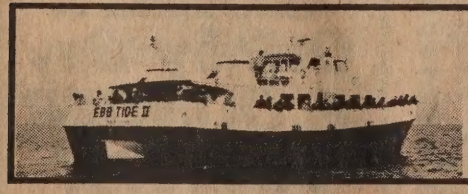

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Captain Joe on the **Lady Lil II** reports spotty fishing with some days better than others. Best action for blues and weaks has been the Norwalk Islands for blues 3-5 lbs. and weaks 7-10 lbs. Also some weaks and blues early in the morning off the Bayville Beaches.

This 10 lb. blackfish took a bait meant for a porgy at Prospect Point. Lucky angler was Norberto Florendo of Manhattan. Photo courtesy of Jack's Bait and Tackle.

CITY ISLAND

The **Ebb Tide II** reports there is good blue and weakfishing off Sandy Hook, mainly on jigs, fish running between 2-14 lbs. Action has been holding up all week.

Jack's Bait & Tackle told us that anglers are taking a few blackfish and some porgies in the area. There are plenty of snappers around and also lots of small bass at High Island. One angler took 25 stripers on sandworms of which 7 were keepers. Bluefish are in and out at Stepping Stone Light. Bunker and mackerel take these choppers which are in the 10 to 12 lbs. class.

SURF REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The current spell of hot, muggy weather has done nothing to encourage the surf action around the Island. Many members of the surf clan have choose to lie low and look forward to September's improved action.

The fast action that north shore casters had been enjoying collapsed this past week. Most reports describe the fishing as "picky".

A couple of scattered big bass catches along the south shore and at Montauk but no real consistent scores being made along the ocean front. A big heave rolling in from offshore thwarted the efforts of some who ventured forth over the weekend. A change in weather is forecast for early this week. Hopefully a day or two of north winds combined with the full moon will stimulate some feeding activity.

For those who rather stick close to the air conditioner, remember that September is just around the corner. Now might be a good time to get out the can of blue spray paint and touch up a couple of poppers and swimmers so that you are prepared for that anxiously awaited mullet run. It never hurts to replace your line for the start of the Fall fishing when occasional trips become daily trips. Also make up a supply of leaders for the leader wallet. All of those things that didn't get done over the winter can still be done before the best fishing begins.

Here's the way things shaped up this week on the beach front.

SOUTH SHORE: EAST

Johnny's Tackle Shop reports things in surf remain slow. A few

Frank Schiralli, Jr. hefts the 30 lb. striper he took on Montauk's South Side. The fish hit a popper at dawn.

weakfish still being picked up at Shagwong on red-fins and whiptails. Thursday evening and Friday morning some bluefish in the 5 to 6 lb. class made a showing upfront but this did not develop into any worthwhile run.

Gone Fishing Marina knew of a few big bass taken from the surf at night by anglers who remain tight-lipped about the location. A 54 lb. surf caught fish was weighed in over the weekend.

Mike Lovello called to report that he took bass of 17 and 31 lbs. over in the Amagansett area late last week. The fish were taken on sandworms and Mike would not be any more specific as to the location of his catch. It might be worth mentioning here that while we encourage and appreciate anglers contributing info, it is better to be general than to send fellow anglers on a wild goose chase which nowadays can be very expensive. If you want to see your name in print then you must also be willing to make some minor contribution that may help put another surfcaster at least in the ball park.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in Shinnecock reports things quiet down on the beach. A big heave deterred the efforts of most over the weekend.

SOUTH SHORE: WEST

Hayes of **The Store** at Oak Beach reported a flurry of bass activity down at West Gilgo late last week. Gary Mims and Mark Wagner weighed in bass of 40 lbs. 10 ozs., 21 lbs. 5 ozs. and 18 lbs. 3 ozs. In addition the pair reported they dropped 6 other fish that they were sure were stripers. The action occurred at 11:00 a.m. All the action was on bunker chunks.

Sy Rubin of **Henning's Fishing Station** at Atlantic Beach told me that bass are being taken on fresh clam bait at the Silver Point Jetty. Most of these fish are in the teens and the twenty pound class.

At **Santo's** in Staten Island, Lenny reported some action with school size stripers at Cliff St. and Penny's Beach. Bucktails are taking the fish at Cliff St. while worms are getting most of the attention at the latter location. A drop in tide is important at both locations. Fluke being taken by casters at the South Beach and Berger Ave. storm sewers according to Lenny. In addition some blues taking chunk bait such as mackerel and bunker at South Beach.

NORTH SHORE: WEST

Jack's Bait & Tackle in City Island told of that there's lot of school bass most of which are shorts, being taken in Turtle Cove. Worms, Rebels, and small Bucktails are accounting for most of the action which has been occurring two hours on either side of high water. An occasional weakfish is mixed in with the stripers.

Mark at **Salty's Bait & Tackle** reported that casters continue to take fish along Caumsett. The most productive area being from the parking lot east to Marshall Field. The weakfish are being taken on Rebels and Tri-Fin eelworms with an occasional bass and small blue mixed in. Tin takes some fish before dark. Mark described the fishing as a steady pick.

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle in Huntington said that "Not much at all going on in the surf in recent days." **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** dittoed Ronnie's report.

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in Northport reported the action at Ashroken slowed considerably. He called the fishing very picky but did say that those weaks that are caught are all tiderunners from 7 to 10 lbs. No bass news.

NORTH SHORE: EAST

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported that bluefishing remains steady with a few weakfish mixed in amongst the choppers. Mike Petrino stopped by the shop with 2 weakfish and 8 blues which he took on Rebel plugs and Kastmasters at Hagerman's Landing

Robert Sichler of Farmingdale beached this 50 lb. cow at Gilgo. The big striper, which fell for a live eel, was checked in at The Store.

Friday a.m. Stan added that one caster stopped by the shop with 2 bass, 5 and 7 lbs. taken at Hagerman's Landing over the weekend.

Warren's Bait & Tackle in Aquebogue told us that they have had no surf news to speak of for the past several days.

Art White of **A.P White Bait Shop** in Greenport reports bass being taken along local Sound Beaches on sandworms. Some of the fish go 30 to 40 lbs. One regular has been stopping by with fish after every trip out. Everyone is tight-lipped about the exact location.

CAPE REPORT

Some action with bass and blues, reported in the Canal on red and yellow poppers and swimming plugs. Down on the Lower Cape, surf fishing still on the slow side. Regulars are taking a few bass, but bluefish are providing most of the action.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:27	9:50	10:09	10:32	10:06	10:25	10:55	11:14	12:17	12:54	12:17	12:48	9:20	9:42	8/9
FRI.	10:19	10:41	11:02	11:24	11:03	11:21	11:47	—	1:11	1:45	1:10	1:40	10:11	10:34	8/10
SAT.	11:11	11:34	11:55	—	11:58	—	12:09	12:41	2:06	2:40	2:02	2:31	11:03	11:25	8/11
SUN.	—	12:06	12:16	12:50	12:17	12:52	1:05	1:37	3:04	3:39	2:58	3:27	11:57	—	8/12
MON.	12:30	1:00	1:11	1:49	1:13	1:49	2:04	2:37	4:12	4:45	3:55	4:24	12:21	12:53	8/13
TUE.	1:23	1:56	2:10	2:49	2:08	2:42	3:06	3:39	5:30	6:02	4:57	5:25	1:18	1:51	8/14
WED.	2:21	2:53	3:13	3:54	3:04	3:38	4:11	4:43	6:41	7:13	6:00	6:27	2:17	2:51	8/15
THUR.	3:21	3:54	4:20	4:57	4:04	4:38	5:19	5:47	7:49	8:15	7:03	7:29	3:19	3:51	8/16

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:11	7:56
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/22	8/30	8/8	8/14

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:05	12:25	6:40	12:55
Fri.	7:05	1:25	7:35	2:00
Sat.	8:15	2:30	8:40	3:00
Sun.	9:15	3:30	9:40	3:55
Mon.	10:10	4:25	10:35	4:50
Tues.	11:05	5:20	11:30	5:50
Wed.	—	6:10	12:05	6:35
Thurs.	12:20	6:55	12:50	7:20

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